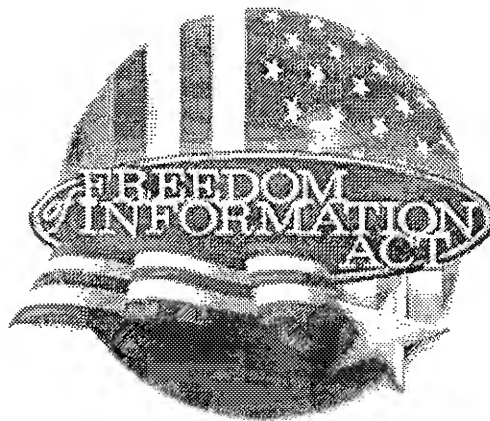


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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/4/65

FROM : ~~AC~~ BOSTON (163-461)

SUBJECT: ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO
FPC

Rebulet, 10/7/65, enclosing Legat, Bonn airtel
to Bureau dated 9/30/65.

Enclosed herewith are six copies of an LHM,
dated and captioned as above at Boston.

Enclosed also for dissemination to Legat, Bonn,
are two photographs and one fingerprint card of
ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO, FBI #814 639 B. FD-217

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Boston, Massachusetts

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

November 4, 1965

ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO

The Department of the Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that because of the present state of the investigations and the demands associated with the preparation of cases for possible presentation to grand juries, they do not wish to divulge information about the modus operandi or possible admissions of Albert Henry DeSalvo.

However, the Department of the Attorney General wants to assure [REDACTED] b7D that their Department will cooperate at the earliest possible date when the disclosure of such information could not possibly jeopardize investigations or judicial proceedings.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
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INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: September 24, 1965

1 - Mr. Tavel
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On 9/20/65, the Boston Office furnished information received from Massachusetts Attorney General's office and the Boston Commissioner of Police to the effect that local authorities believe they have identified the individual responsible for the eleven strangulation murders which have occurred in the Boston area during the past several years. The local authorities identified the suspect as one Albert Hendry DeSalvo, currently incarcerated at the Bridgewater State Hospital in Massachusetts.

The Identification Division has furnished a record (attached) under FBI Number 814 639 B for one Albert Henry DeSalvo, who was received on 11/6/64, at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Bridgewater, Massachusetts. This Identification Record sets forth [redacted]

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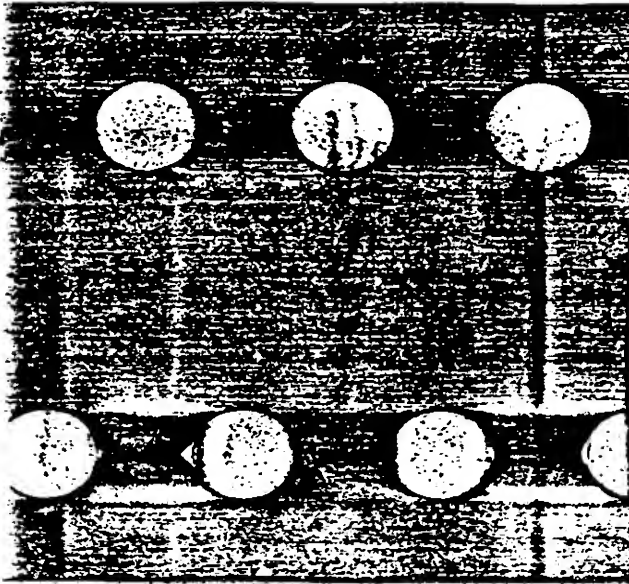
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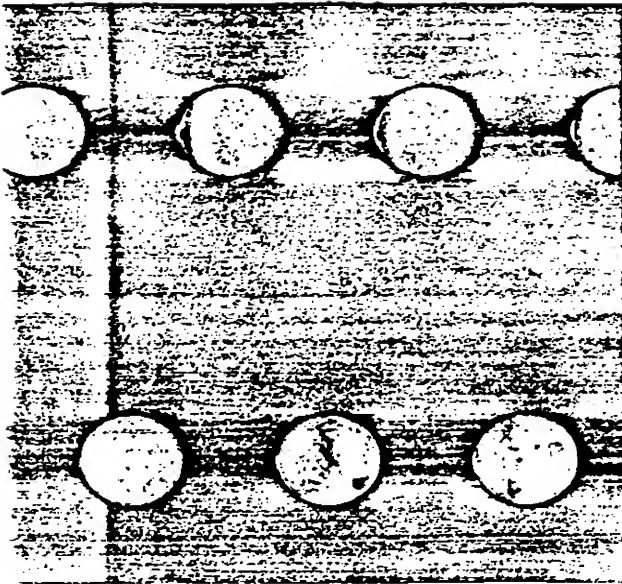
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Re O-1 from Bureau dated January 20, 1966.

On January 25, 1966, [REDACTED] Attorney General's Office, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that there was no change in the status of the DeSALVO case. He advised that Assistant AG JOHN S. BOTTOMLY intends to present the matter concerning DeSALVO to the Grand Jury but no specific date has been set for this presentation.

[REDACTED] stated that BOTTOMLY has instructed that no information relative to the DeSALVO case be furnished any agency even though the inquiry [REDACTED] was originally made by BOTTOMLY through the U. S. Army concerning DeSALVO.

The Bureau will be kept advised of additional developments

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GEORGE W. HARRISON UFAC - ARMED ROBBERY

ALBERT DE SALVO

UFAC - RAPE

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(BOSTON STRANGLER)

BRIDGEWATER, MASS.--ALBERT H. DESALVO, THE 35-YEAR-OLD HANDYMAN WHO CLAIMS TO BE THE BOSTON STRANGLER WHO KILLED 13 WOMEN, BROKE OUT OF A MENTAL HOSPITAL BEFORE DAWN TODAY.

JAMES CANAVAN, INFORMATION OFFICER FOR THE STATE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT, SAID DESALVO AND TWO OTHER PATIENTS -- FRED E. ERICKSON, 41, AND GEORGE W. HARRIS, 33 -- WERE FOUND MISSING AT 6:20 A.M.

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Flight of 'Strangler' Provides Rip-Roaring Story While It Lasts

By Nicholas von Hoffman
Washington Post Staff Writer

LYNN, Mass., Feb. 25—It was a good, old-fashioned, sensational story. No CIA, no international implications, no threat to democratic institutions or individual liberty, just a rip-roaring police story with all the homey, oldtime ingredients — murder, sex, sadism, loud-mouthed lawyers and hysteria.

For 30 hours while he'd been free, it had been a pip of a story, then the suspense ended when the self-proclaimed Boston Strangler had walked into a haberdashery here and given himself up.

This was the right place to end the story, in a late 19th century town of crooked streets and loft factories, the right place for the "Strangler," who had confessed to 13 fiendish 19th century murders. And the way the town reacted to the news that Albert DeSalvo was in police headquarters made you think of the wax museum with those tableaux of dusty mannequins reenacting bloody, entertaining crimes.

Hundreds of hooded, scarfed people stood outside the police station and let the ice on Johnson Street go through the soles of their shoes, and constrict their

capillaries while they waited to see the "Strangler."

"I saw him! Wasn't he aw-w-ful? Take my picture! Do you think we'll be on the 6 o'clock news?" they shouted in frigid and delighted satisfaction, when they saw the man who looked like an unemployed dishwasher.

In captivity, he was an anti-climax, a nothing in his stolen pea jacket and bell bottom trousers. He looked like the floors on the courthouses and police stations they kept taking him to, muddied, salt-stained, littered, walked on by large male feet in galoshes and service shoes.

He was better in the hours before his capture. Then he'd been a good story. "Stark Fear Grips Three States — Women Beware! He's A Cutie—Keep Chain Lock Bolted," the Boston Record-American had warned while offering a \$5000 reward for the "Strangler" alive or dead.

In the hours before they got him, Boston had suddenly seemed peopled with retired school teachers, aging nurses, Victorian females of the dancing years and vulnerability.

"I'm alone with my cousin and she's a shut-in, but our janitor's a good man and he won't let strangers in, at least I pray to God he won't," confided a woman on the subway train and it

seemed appropriate for Boston, much of which still looks like Sherlock Holmes London, a city where you can imagine hansom cabs and Jack the Ripper on the night snow.

"What's going on in the State House?" a reporter had been asking earlier in the Boston police headquarters press room.

"We're saying the lights in the attorney general's office burn till dawn."

"What do you mean? He left his office hours ago."

"I don't care when he left his office. We always have the lights burning till dawn. And we always have old ladies praying in the street. Those old ladies in the street really grab them in South Boston."

"Hey, any you guys want this Newton rape?"

"Yeh, give me the details."

"I haven't got names."

"You know the Record-American isn't interested in a rape without names."

"Well, the Globe isn't interested in a rape with them."

"Who's checked the FBI?"

"Aww, the FBI," says the sergeant who wondered into the sagging room, "they couldn't catch anybody with bloodhounds. You know how he's going to be found? A tip. It's all a tip in this business."

It was the Lynn police who got the tip and the old-fashioned police story ended in an old-fashioned way.

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'Boston Strangler' Gives Up in Store

DeSalvo Hunt Ends Quietly In Lynn, Mass.

From News Dispatches

LYNN, Mass., Feb. 25 — Albert DeSalvo, the self-confessed Boston strangler, surrendered meekly today to two uniform store employees after one of the largest manhunts in New England history.

DeSalvo said he had escaped from Bridgewater State Hospital yesterday to call public attention to his need for rehabilitation.

"Maybe people will know what it means to be mentally ill," he said as he was taken in manacles into the Lynn police station.

Reported Despondent

DeSalvo reportedly had been despondent because he was not receiving what he considered adequate treatment at the mental hospital.

Police said DeSalvo told them he had broken into a home at 785 Western Ave. in Lynn Friday and spent the night in the basement, stealing the Navy clothing he was wearing when captured.

At that address, police found clothing and other items as shown in the basement and other evidence of DeSalvo's presence.

The owner, Arthur Vincent, commented: "Oh, my, we had no idea he was here . . ."

Vincent, who lives in the house with his sister, Mrs. Simone Fedas, said he heard "a bump or something" at about 2:30 a.m., but fell asleep again immediately. Mrs. Fedas said she "felt faint" when police told her what the bump might have been.

Moved to Prison

Shortly after his arrest DeSalvo was transferred to Walpole State Prison despite one attorney's expressed fears that he might try to kill himself or become the target of hard-core criminals.

DeSalvo, who has confessed murdering 13 Boston area women, escaped with two companions before dawn yesterday. They were captured in Waltham, a Boston suburb, last night as the hunt for DeSalvo spread from Canada to Florida.

A state official said one of DeSalvo's two brothers—who had been arrested and charged with helping him escape—first tipped police that DeSalvo was in the Lynn area.

But it appeared that DeSalvo may have intended to surrender anyway.

He entered the Simons Uniform Store about 2 p.m. wearing part of a sailor suit and a rumpled Navy pea jacket that he had changed into sometime after his escape.

Alan Simons, 30, a partner in the uniform firm, said DeSalvo walked up to a salesman, and said, "Can I use the phone? I want to call F. Lee." F. Lee Bailey is his lawyer.

Bailey was not in his office but DeSalvo talked to the lawyer's private detective, Attorney Andrew Tunney, a former state police lieutenant who once headed the Boston strangler investigation.

Simons and the salesman, Jimmy Trellegan, 32, recognized DeSalvo and while he was on the phone, called Lynn police.

"When he got off the phone he said he was hungry," Simons said. "We told him to come on out back and we'll make some coffee. We made the coffee and waited for the police."

Trellegan said he frisked DeSalvo and found no weapon on him.

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Simons said neither the salesman was afraid of the Boston strangler. "Nobody was scared. He wasn't a very big person. He never went after men anyway," said Simons.

While the five were having coffee, Simons said DeSalvo mentioned "he knew we knew who he was."

"He told us to call off the police because he wanted to turn himself in," he said.

Simons described DeSalvo as looking "tired, tired around the eyes, like someone who had been out all night and hadn't slept."

"He was pretty calm and quiet. So we just let him stay that way until the police came."

Tuney, the detective DeSalvo called, said the fugitive told him he was in Lynn and added: "Do me a favor and call off the police and I'll stay here till you come."

"I promised him I would."

Tuney said. "Before we could get there, the police had him. How, I don't know."

One of the arresting officers, Robert Clounan, said they found DeSalvo in the back room of the store "leaning against a water cooler. He said he wanted to give himself up and to contact state police."

"We put handcuffs on him right away. He wasn't armed and he was very docile. He didn't give us any trouble."

An unruly mob of 2000 jammed into the narrow street outside police headquarters as word of DeSalvo's arrest spread through the area.

"Kill him," were the shouts of some in the crowd. The gathering broke up only after DeSalvo was taken from the station to court.

Detectives formed a tight ring around the prisoner and pushed through the crowd to put him in a police car for the trip to Cambridge. DeSalvo was handcuffed. He smiled and winked at several newsmen whom he recognized from a recent trial.

In New York, Attorney Bailey said DeSalvo had left a note by his hospital bed saying he was escaping to "force public officials to admit" he is the Boston "strangler." He said the note also tried to establish that he had stayed in the hospital willingly for 2½

years because he wanted to get psychiatric help.

Bailey also said DeSalvo had walked past four state troopers in a parking lot in Lynn without being spotted — even though he was wearing brown shoes and no kerchief with the Navy uniform.

Bailey said he would seek a writ of habeas corpus to free DeSalvo from Walpole prison under the Eighth Amendment, which deals with cruel and unusual punishment.

As for the \$10,000 reward he had offered for DeSalvo's capture alive, Bailey said it "looks like a surrender" — indicating he would not pay the reward.

The first real break in the dramatic manhunt came Friday night when the two men who escaped with DeSalvo were captured in a Waltham bar 13 hours after the break. Fred A. Erickson, 40, of Brockton, serving a life sentence after he stabbed his estranged wife 27 times in 1954, and George W. Harrison, 33, of Westford, serving an 11-to-15-year term for armed robbery, were returned to the mental hospital.

The trail grew still hotter when DeSalvo's brothers were arrested on charges of helping him escape.

Richard E. DeSalvo, 31, asked for a hearing and was released in \$500 bail. Joseph DeSalvo, 37, pleaded innocent and was released in \$1000 bail.

Massachusetts Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson said that after the breakout the three escapees stole a car and drove to Boston's Haymarket Square. DeSalvo dropped them there and drove to suburban Everett where he rendezvoused with his brother Joseph at a gas station, Richardson said. Joseph then dropped him off at Lynn, the attorney general said.

Near the Everett gas station police today found the stolen car, a pillowcase from the hospital, 30 candy bars and Albert DeSalvo's glasses.

Richardson said DeSalvo had about \$150 on him when captured.

DeSalvo's escape took place only five weeks after he was convicted and sentenced to life on a series of sexual attacks and robberies involving four Greater Boston women in 1964. The charges were unrelated to the stranglings.

He was being held in Bridgewater pending an appeal to the Massachusetts Supreme Court by Bailey.



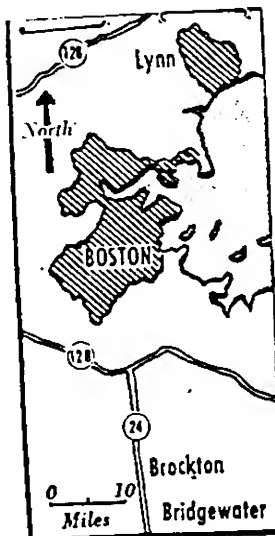
Associated Press

IN CUSTODY—Albert DeSalvo, wearing this Navy blouse but with no kerchief, was captured yesterday in Lynn, Mass.



Associated Press

'STRANGLER' CAPTURED—Flanked by police, Albert DeSalvo, is shown in Lynn, Mass., after his capture. He is wearing a Navy peacoat and blouse but does not have regulation and necessary kerchief. Police picked him up in a store.



The Washington Post
Feb. 26, 1967

ROUTE—The map locates Bridgewater, Mass., where Albert DeSalvo escaped and Lynn, where he was captured.

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United Press International

CASE OF THE 'STRANGLER'—It almost seemed like a new Perry Mason mystery. The plot even had a "Paul Drake," in the person of Andrew Tuney Jr. The "key role" was played by a new "Mason," F. Lee Bailey, above. See story by Nicholas von Hoffman, Page A3.

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The Untold Story

The Real Issue at the Trial: Defendant DeSalvo's Mind

By THEO WILSON

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(Second of three articles)

The mind of Albert DeSalvo, the self-confessed Boston Strangler, and not his guilt, was the real issue when he was on trial last month. His crimes—armed robbery, breaking and entering, assault, unnatural acts—were admitted. And also admitted were the crimes he had not been charged with—the murders, rapes and revolting perversions committed by the Strangler.

From two psychiatrists called by defense attorney F. Lee Bailey, DeSalvo's jurors in the Middlesex Superior Court at Cambridge, Mass., had heard a chilling description of DeSalvo's mental condition.

He was mentally diseased, paranoid and schizophrenic. He was driven by overwhelming and abnormal sexual urges which he could not curb. He was homicidal.

"He has created, by means of a schizophrenic process, a world of his own where he simply rules supreme and therefore what he feels and does he must do, and it has to be right because he is the sole judge," Dr. James A. Brussel told the jurors.

The psychiatrist, assistant commissioner of the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene, testifying as a witness for the defense, agrees with Bailey that DeSalvo should be sent to a first-rate research institution where the 35-year-old defendant could be studied.

His Own Rules In His Own World

He told the jurors that DeSalvo "knows what is regarded by society as right and wrong" but, in his self-created world, "it means nothing."

The other defense psychiatrist, Dr. Robert Ross Mezer of Boston, also diagnosing DeSalvo as schizophrenic, told the jurors that even though the former Army sergeant might know he was committing a crime, an unlawful act, he did not have the "capacity to conform his conduct to the requirements of the law."

He said DeSalvo suffered from abnormal sexual "impulses or urges going back a long way, that they would vary in intensity, that when they reached a

certain peak they became uncontrollable or irresistible and he had to do what he did."

Now the jurors were to hear what the prosecutor, Assistant District Attorney Donald L. Conn, believed was DeSalvo's mental condition, from the testimony of other psychiatrists and

from a former inmate at Bridgewater State Hospital, where DeSalvo first confessed he had murdered and raped 13 women in the Greater Boston area between 1962 and 1964.

Prosecutor's Ex-Con Surprises Defense

Conn, a classmate of Bailey's at Boston University Law School, told the jurors he was going to prove that DeSalvo was not mentally diseased to the point where he should escape punishment. He asked the jurors to send DeSalvo to prison for life, as a shrewd-law-breaker who got into apartments to steal, and who was neither a sex maniac nor a sick man but a "cunning, clever, manipulative criminal."

Before calling the psychiatrists, Conn surprised the defense by putting an ex-convict, Stanley Setterlund, on the stand. (Later, Conn, who now is an assistant attorney general for the commonwealth, said that he believed Setterlund's testimony was one of the main reasons the jurors refused to accept the defense's insanity plea).

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Setterlund, a thin, lanky welder, said he met DeSalvo in Bridgewater in January, 1965, and Albert told him "he had something bigger than the Brink's robbery and the Plymouth mail robbery."

Q. Did he tell you specifically what he was referring to? A. About some murders.

Q. How many murders. A. Eleven.

Q. What did he say about the 11 murders? A. He said they were worth a lot of money . . . \$10,000 apiece. He said he knew about the murders and he was the man they were looking for.

Q. Did he tell you anything about the places of the murders, the apartments? A. Yes . . . he told me that he went there to commit robbery and rape.

Describes Actions

Inside Apartments

Q. Did he tell you what he did before he went into the apartments? A. He would case the place . . . look the place over and see if there were other ways of getting out of there.

Q. Did he tell you what he did after he got into the apartment? A. Yes, he would check and see who else was in the apartment besides the lady . . . then he would make advances towards her. Rape her.

Q. What did he tell you about the victims? A. Well, if they put up a lot of noise, he strangled them to shut their big mouth.

Then Setterlund told Conn that Albert deliberately would not take all the jewelry and cash in the apartments . . . "If it was three or four rings he would take some, maybe two or three, and leave one. Money, he would not take all the money, he would leave some money."

"Like maybe \$90, he would maybe take about everything but \$16, leave \$16 or something like that," Setterlund said.

Q. What was his reason for doing this? A. So it would look like a sex maniac had been there . . . not a robbery.

Q. What did he do after he got the money and killed the victims? A. Well, he would clean up after, he would wipe everything off . . . so it wouldn't look like a robbery.

Conn asked the welder if Albert had discussed his future plans, and Setterlund said Albert had told him he "wanted a good lawyer and to go to a good hospital and have a head operation and get free . . . he was too young, he was only 33 years old, he didn't want to spend the rest of his life in there."

Setterlund swore Albert also boasted that one magazine had offered him \$40,000 and another \$90,000 for his story, "plus the reward money was around \$108,000." And there was talk about a movie "worth a million dollars."

Quizzed by Bailey

On DeSalvo's Approach

With this, Conn turned his witness over to Bailey, and within a few minutes the jurors learned that Setterlund had been a client of Bailey's. Setterlund admitted he had been introduced to Bailey at Bridgewater by another inmate, but denied it was Albert.

(Bailey represented Setterlund on an escape charge. The former convict escaped from Worcester County Jail, where he was serving time for unarmed robbery.)

Setterlund insisted that DeSalvo has spoken to him about the stranglings the first time they met in Bridgewater. Bailey asked: "I take it, Albert walked up, introduced himself and said, 'I am the Strangler and that is worth a lot of money?' Is that the way it happened?"

"Pretty close," Setterlund answered.

Q. He walked up to you and said, Hi, I am Al and I am the Strangler and that is worth a

lot of money? A. No, that isn't the way. Q. Tell us how. A. I was sitting there with another inmate there at a table and he came over and talked with us.

Bailey asked if Albert hadn't said he wanted a head operation "to correct whatever was causing him to do these things, these stranglings?" The witness answered, "no, Albert just wanted to get out."

"Did you ask him, Stanley?" Bailey asked, and Setterlund answered, "No, I never did ask him that."

After this witness, Conn called several other witnesses to testify that there was nothing unusual about Albert's behavior on the job—he worked for a construction company—or among his acquaintances, or when he did odd jobs for neighbors.

(The defense psychiatrists had already pointed out that when Albert was in a "controlled" environment, such as an institution, or the Army, he was well-behaved. On the loose, they said, Albert was a different man.)

As Conn's first expert witness, he called Dr. Ames Robey, who had been medical director of Bridgewater when Albert confessed he was the Strangler, and who resigned last year. It became

obvious that he and Albert hadn't gotten along.

Albert, said Robey, was suffering not from a mental disease, but from a personality disorder, common to most criminals. He was an "anti-social sociopath" of the "sexual deviant type." And at Bridgewater, he said Albert was "the rabble-rousing type."

Albert, said the former director, had "very little concern for rules and regulations. There were constant complaints about the behavior allegedly being directed at him" in Bridgewater.

Robey admitted that DeSalvo did not give him a medical history and that he had at one time diagnosed the defendant as schizophrenic, but had changed his mind.

Conn asked the big question, the one which in Massachusetts determines whether a defendant is legally sane or insane: on the dates of DeSalvo's attacks against the four women victims who had testified, could Albert distinguish between right and wrong and was he laboring under an irresistible impulse?

"My opinion," said Robey, "is that he could clearly distinguish between right and wrong . . . My opinion is that he was not laboring under an irresistible impulse."

With this, Robey was turned over to Bailey for cross-examination.

Robey said he thought DeSalvo was not so mentally diseased that he could not conform his conduct to the requirements of the law.

Calls Insanity Plea Lawyer's Idea

Q. Doctor, when we sat in your office in about June of 1965, did you not say to me that under the irresistible impulse test Albert would be responsible, but under the Model Penal Code Test, you felt that he would not? A. Yes, I said that.

But Robey said he had changed his mind. He had decided later that Albert had tricked him by faking hallucinations.

He had decided, Robey insisted, that Albert had been given the idea by Bailey that if he pleaded insanity, "he would be found not guilty and sent to an institution such as Johns Hopkins or Presbyterian."

"I think the phrasing was 'anything better than Bridgewater,' was it not?" Bailey asked. Robey admitted that DeSalvo had made complaints about Bridgewater before Bailey became his attorney.

Q. How many qualified psychiatrists did you have at the time you were there and Albert was there? A. Just exactly one.

Q. How many patients? A. I believe at that time we were running 690.

Robey said he was familiar with DeSalvo's family history . . . "the patient's father was a building superintendent and maintenance man alleged to have been extremely brutal, indulging in incest with his daughters, promiscuous with women, apparently very large numbers of them, and neglecting his family duties . . . the patient apparently witnessed a great many of these sexual perversions and practices."

The witness insisted he had changed his mind about DeSalvo's insanity after listening to Dr. Mezer's testimony earlier in the trial.

Can't Recall What Altered His Opinion

Q. What did Dr. Mezer say that surprised you or caused you to change your opinion? Just what he said? A. Gee, Mr. Bailey, I really don't think I could quote it verbatim.

Q. Well, gee, Dr. Robey, I wish you'd tell us in substance what he said. A. I really can't, Mr. Bailey . . . I have something awfully close, you know I discussed it with the members of the staff at Bridgewater. Maybe if I . . .

Here Judge Cornelius J. Moynihan interrupted with: "No. No, doctor. If you don't remember, say you don't remember."

Robey: I just don't remember, Mr. Bailey.

The psychiatrist also said he had changed his opinion after hearing Setterlund's testimony about DeSalvo.

With this, Bailey showed Robey his own notation on Setterlund, from the Bridgewater records.

Robey had found Setterlund "guilty of a considerable degree of lying on an enormous amount of issues."

Q. When did you decide Stanley Setterlund was a man of truth? A. When we discharged him.

Q. When did he stop lying? A. Again, I would have to make reference to the record . . . he appeared to me to be truthful. I am relying on my observation of his appearance on the stand last Friday.

Bailey: I see. That is all.

Two more psychiatrists were waiting to be called by Conn. One of them was the acting director of Bridgewater, who was there when Albert escaped last week.

Tomorrow: Is Albert DeSalvo, the alleged Boston Strangler, a "bad guy" or just a sick guy.



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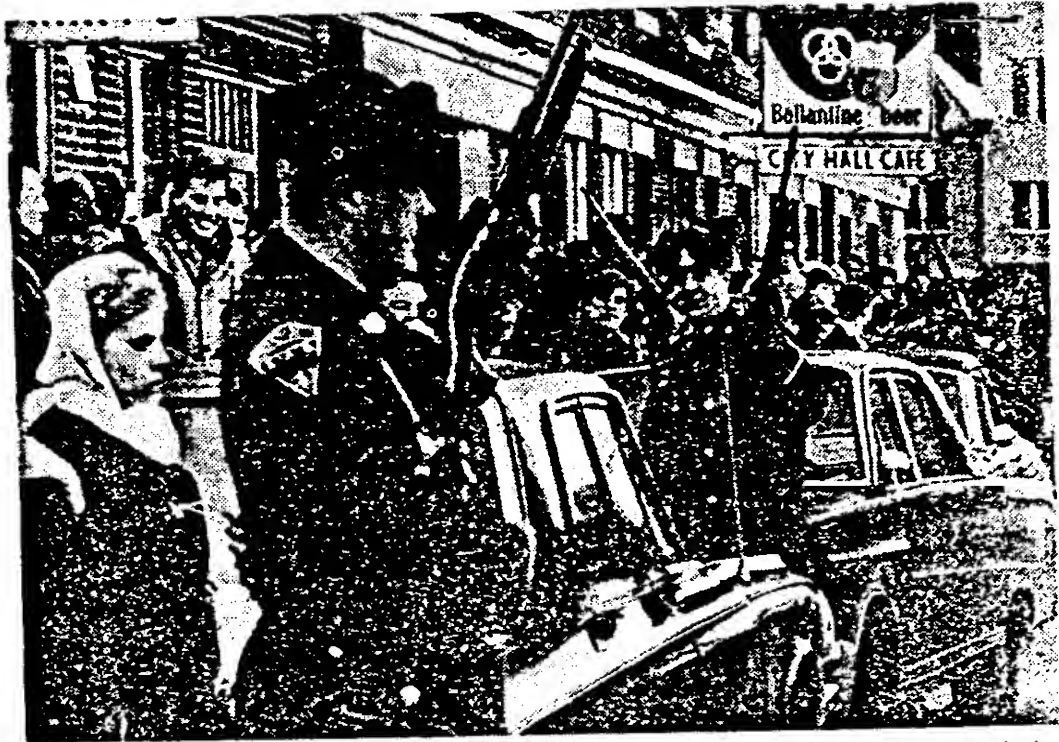
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DeSalvo—"he had to do what he did."

(UPI Telefoto)



(Associated Press Wirefoto)
Heavily armed police in Lynn, Mass., keep back a crowd of some 2,000 persons who gathered outside
the local police station to get a look at Albert DeSalvo after his arrest.



Dr. Ames Robey
said DeSalvo tricked him

Attorney Says DeSalvo Fears He'll Be Slain

Boston, Feb. 26 (Special)—Albert DeSalvo, who says he is the Boston Strangler, is afraid his fellow inmates at Walpole State Prison may kill him, and is so depressed after being committed to the prison for life that he might commit suicide, one of his attorneys said today.

DeSalvo, 35, is under constant guard in a hospital cell after his escape from a state hospital set off a nationwide manhunt and frightened women on the East Coast who live alone, as the Strangler's 13 victims did.

F. Lee Bailey, DeSalvo's attorney, plans to seek a writ of habeas corpus, which would move DeSalvo back to Bridgewater State Hospital, his home behind bars for 2½ years before he escaped Friday. He surrendered quietly to police in a Lynn clothing store yesterday.

Bailey said DeSalvo left note by his Bridgewater hospital bed saying he was escaping to "force public officials to admit" he is the Boston Strangler.

Says DeSalvo Wanted Help

Bailey said police warnings and the vast manhunt prove that he is the strangler, saying police "gave a warning consistent only with a killer of the strangler's notoriety."

The note also disclosed, according to Bailey, that DeSalvo tried to establish that he stayed at Bridgewater for 2½ years because he wanted to get help for his illness.

Charles Burnim, a Bailey associate, said DeSalvo told him "threats" have been communicated to him—that "they're waiting for the Boston Strangler to come to Walpole."

Committed to Walpole

Albert's fil, Burnim said, "we don't think he belongs there. He should be confined in a hospital, and the only state hospital is Bridgewater."

DeSalvo was committed to Walpole for life yesterday by Judge Cornelius J. Moynihan in Middlesex County Superior Court.

Moynihan revoked his order of Jan. 18, which suspended carrying out the sentence, and ordered DeSalvo to Bridgewater pending an appeal to the State Supreme Court.

DeSalvo was sentenced last month after an all-parte jury in

Cambridge convicted him on charges of sexual assault on four

women in their homes and of robbery. None of the charges was related to the stranglings.

Under Constant Guard

A spokesman for the State Correction Commission said DeSalvo was being held under constant guard in the hospital cell at Walpole pending a decision, probably tomorrow, on where he would be moved within the maximum security prison.

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DeSalvo had a "full breakfast," the spokesman said, was fingerprinted and photographed. He was examined by a doctor and spoke to a prison official. The conversation was not disclosed.

The spokesman, James J. Canavan, said there are "lots of problems, lots of questions" involved in deciding how to confine DeSalvo. "There are no answers at the present time," he said.

Governor Orders Probe

Gov. John A. Volpe ordered an investigation into the escape of DeSalvo and two other inmates from the state hospital at Bridgewater.

Corrections Commissioner John A. Gavin, other corrections officials and the Bridgewater superintendent, Charles Gaughan, met at Bridgewater "to discuss security and other problems."

DeSalvo's escape brought back for many the fear that gripped the Boston area when 13 women were strangled in their homes between June, 1962, and January, 1964.



F. Lee Bailey
He plans to ask for writ

Bailey Plays Perry Mason — In Case of 'Boston Strangler'

By Nicholas von Hoffman
Washington Post Staff Writer

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 26 — Andrew Tuney Jr. plays Paul Drake to F. Lee Bailey's Perry Mason, and today the private detective was drinking Scotch on the rocks, swiveling in the boss's chair and waiting to hear from the glib counselor for the defense of Sam Shephard, Dr. Carl Coppolino and the man called the "Boston Strangler."

After a weekend of motions and commotions over the "Strangler's" escape and recapture, the office was a mess. Full ash trays and empty whisky bottles sat on polished wood surfaces; even the brass replica of the scales of justice was out of balance.

Throwback to Bogart

Despite his red vest, Minox camera and tape recorders, Tuney isn't from the 007-U.N.C.L.E. school. At 43 and a grandfather thrice, he's a throwback to the Bogart tradition of private investigation. ("If you put it in the paper that I'm a grandfather, broads all over the country will faint.")

Tuney was waiting for a telephone call from F. Lee. The hero lawyer was at that moment flying his own two-motored private plane to Boston for a brief visit to the State Penitentiary where his recently replevened "Strangler" is being held.

"I think the fun has just begun around here," prophesied Tuney as he explained why he had left his job as a detective lieutenant with the Massachusetts State Police.

"Wait till you see our new penthouse offices," he said. "And we're buying Frank Sinatra's Lear Jet for \$400,000."

Tuney's job is to do for the defense what the police department does for the district attorney — prepare evidence, get witnesses, know everything about the case and get it in shape for presentation in open court.

"When we tried the Coppolino case," the detective chowed, "we knew more about it than the prosecution . . . We had letters from their star witness that they didn't know anything about."

"And in the Shephard case, we found the guy who'd cut his finger in the house three days before the murder. His blood type matched the blood stains the prosecution introduced as evidence. The police knew about this guy at the first trial but they covered it up."

The phone came to life again. After Tuney hung up, he said, "It's him. He's over Boston now. Wants me to meet him at the airport in 10 minutes."

Good to his word, 10 minutes later F. Lee Bailey, television star, lawyer and folk hero, stepped from the pilot's seat.

Here was no Darrow, no rumpled pants, curmudgeon, but a handsome, if too fleshy man with marcelled blond hair, an expensive black suit and a looping, thin gold chain for his vest pocket watch. A man to defend celebrated criminal cases, but you wouldn't see him taking on Sacco and Vanzetti or Stokely Carmichael as clients.

He met the press in the easy way of a man who has done it often, knows how and likes it. He pressed his tactic of trying to associate the "Strangler" with psychiatry and some higher if vaguer cause. He pushed at the peculiar proposition that Albert DeSalvo had broken out of a mental hospital to go find himself a psychiatrist, and, he said, using the old trick of calling his client by his first name, "Albert always wanted to see a doctor since he was first confined."

Somebody suggested that Albert's prognosis didn't look too encouraging.

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Then, in the face of skepticism, Bailey offered Albert for medical research:

"Something triggered him 13 times. If every thought and feeling Albert had—and Albert has a remarkably good memory—was recorded by doctors, we could get an understanding of why he did it. You can learn more from him than 13 people who have killed only once. No one has founded a real good project on the psychiatry of homicide. It might lead to giving 8th graders a battery of tests to turn up these homicidal tendencies."

On the way back to the office in the car (also equipped with radio telephone), F. Lee explained he needs only four to six hours of sleep a night while Tuney amplified that, "good booze and bad broads is what keeps us going."

Bailey merely grunted.

When he got upstairs to the office, Tuney brought out some new bottles of hooch and poured the drinks, a job you'd think Della Street should do. Della, however, got in a few minutes after Perry this Sunday afternoon.

F. Lee's Della is infinitely superior to the television imitation. She's a tall brunette with a tiny wiggle and a tan she calls a moon burn. Her name is Terri. She flies F. Lee's plane for him and will graduate from law school this spring. She also got a hard sound in her voice when she told telephone callers F. Lee was not there as he lifted the cup to his lips and watched her.

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FROM : SAC, BOSTON (163-461)(P*)

SUBJECT: ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO
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Rebosairtel to Bureau dated 1/25/66.

On 3/1/66, [REDACTED] Attorney General's Office, Boston, Mass., advised there was no change in the status of the DE SALVO case. b7c

The Bureau will be kept advised of additional developments.

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On 5/2/66, [REDACTED] assigned to the Attorney General's Office, State House, Boston, Mass., advised that a hearing is contemplated in the near future to determine the competency of subject DE SALVO, at which time it will be determined whether he is sufficiently competent to stand trial for the 11 strangulations and two other deaths. Psychiatrists are already of a divided opinion as to his mental condition.

Middlesex County Probate Judge FREDERICK MC MENNIMIN recently ruled that DE SALVO is competent to manage his own business without the need for a guardian. This ruling was a civil matter, however, and had no bearing on the prosecution of criminal charges which will be brought in the event he is found competent to stand trial.

As yet, police have not questioned DE SALVO concerning these killings.

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Re: Boston airtel, May 3, 1966.

On June 16, 1966, [REDACTED] assigned to the Attorney General's Office, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that a hearing had been held concerning the competency of subject DE SALVO in a civil court. The judge ruled that DE SALVO was competent. It is contemplated a criminal hearing concerning the same matter will be held within the next two weeks regarding the competency of DE SALVO. If he is found competent, the Attorney General's Office expects to immediately present the facts of this case to a Suffolk County Grand Jury for indictment, after which, of course, the individual will be tried for murder.

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DATE: July 27, 1966

Re: Boston airtel, June 16, 1966.
Bureau O-1, dated July 20, 1966.

On July 26, 1966, [REDACTED] assigned to the Attorney General's Office, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, advised a hearing had been held in Middlesex Superior Court, Cambridge, Massachusetts, concerning the competency of subject DE SALVO in a criminal court. The judge ruled DE SALVO was competent. Immediately thereafter, DE SALVO's attorney, F. LEE BAILEY, filed a motion for a speedy trial. This motion was granted and the trial of DE SALVO concerning seventeen assault cases in Middlesex County was scheduled for September, 1966.

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assigned to the Attorney General's Office, State House, Boston, Mass., advised on 11/7/66 that the 17 assault cases for which DE SALVO was scheduled to be tried on during 9/66 were continued until 1/9/67 because DE SALVO's Attorney, F. LEE BAILEY, was engaged in the murder trial of Dr. SAMUEL SHEPPARD in Cleveland, Ohio.

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FROM : SAC, BOSTON (163-461)(P)

SUBJECT: ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO
FPC

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[REDACTED] assigned to the Attorney General's Office, State House, Boston, Mass., advised on 2/1/67 that since ALBERT DE SALVO has been convicted of numerous rapes in Middlesex County and has been sentenced to life imprisonment, Assistant Attorney General HERBERT TRAVERS has authorized a review of the voluminous DE SALVO file to secure the details they have obtained concerning DE SALVO's periods of time he spent in West Germany and what statements have been made concerning his activities in West Germany.

[REDACTED] advised that this information should be collected by 2/15/67, and this information will be obtained by this office as soon as it is available. b7c

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ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO

The following information was obtained from the records of the Special Investigative Division of the Department of the Attorney General, State of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts:

SUBJECT: Albert Henry DeSALVO (M-CAU-3 Sep 31),
formerly Sergeant (Sgt)(E-5), Army
Service Number: RA 11 132 117

"DeSALVO had two periods of active duty with the
U. S. Army.

1. 16 Sep 48 to 25 June 1951 = Honorable Discharge
2. 26 June 51 to 15 Feb 1956 = Honorable Discharge

Chronological Order of Service of DeSALVO:

1. 6 Sep 48 - 15 Dec 48 = 1st Infantry Division
(pipeline), Fort Dix, New Jersey

(During the above period he was attached to
Battery C, 20th Field Artillery Battalion,
Fort Dix, New Jersey from 23 Sep 48 - 5 Dec 48.)
(From 6 Dec 48 - 25 Dec 48 he was attached to
921 3 TSU-TC, Camp Kilmer, New Jersey).

2. 27 Dec 48 to 15 Jan 49 = Headquarters and
Headquarters Company (pipeline), 7729 FBOOM,
APO 672.
3. 11 Jan 49 - 15 Jan 49 = Headquarters and
Headquarters Company, 14th Armored Cavalry
(USCOK), APO 171.
4. 15 Jan 49 - 6 June 49 = Company G, 14th Armored
Cavalry, APO 139.

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ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO

- "5. 5 June 49 - 25 June 51 = Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 14th Armored Cavalry, APO 171.
6. 26 June 51 - 19 Nov 51 = Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Cavalry, APO 757.
(During the above period he was attached to the below units during dates indicated:
4 Jul 51 - 15 Jul 51 = BPRE STGAR EMD Trans Det, APO 69
16 Jul 51 - 20 Jul 51 = Re-assigned to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, 1277 Army Service Unit, Detachment 14, Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.
21 Jul 51 - 25 Sep 51 = 1277 Army Service Unit, Detachment 22, Camp Kilmer, New Jersey
7. 20 Nov 51 - 2 Apr 54 = Company F, 14th Armored Cavalry (USCOH), APO 62. (During above period he was attached from 4 Feb 52-14 Mar 52 = Headquarters Company, 7767 Truck Training Center, APO 124-2.
8. 3 Apr 54 - 7 Apr 54 = Intransit to below unit (from above unit)
9. 8-11 Apr 54 = 1275 Army Service Unit, Detachment 2, Fort Hamilton, New York.
10. 12 Apr 54 - 7 May 54 = 69th Replacement Company, Fort Dix, New Jersey.
11. 6 May 54 - 6 Aug 54 = Headquarters Company, 69th Infantry Division, Fort Dix, New Jersey
12. 7 Aug 54 - 15 Feb 56 = 69th Infantry Division PAC Detachment, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

DeSALVO was courts-martialed on 17 Aug 50 for Disobeying Lawful Orders, was found guilty and reduced in rank to Private and fined \$50."

ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO

According to Mr. Philip DiNatale of the Attorney General's Office for the State of Massachusetts, Boston, there was a note in the file that reflects Albert Henry DeSalvo was in the West Germany area but he did not have the exact locations.

DeSalvo returned to West Germany as a civilian, accompanied by his wife, Irmgard Beck, a German girl whom he married December 5, 1953. His stay in Germany was from June 15, 1959 to August 15, 1959.

[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] stated that DeSalvo told him he was a "terror in Europe," meaning Germany and what he did there was the same that he did in Boston, Massachusetts, namely, rapes and murders.

Modus Operandi

Maintenance Man

Albert DeSalvo posed as a maintenance man on assaults and murders on women 30 years of age and over. He would gain access to apartments by stating he was sent by the superintendent, or the owner, to check ceilings, floors and plumbing. (Note: All of the apartments he entered needed repairs in some way.)

DeSalvo immediately lured his victims into the bathroom where 90% of the assaults and murders occurred. DeSalvo, after luring his victim into the bathroom, would strangle them by placing his right arm around their neck, strangling them in the crook of his arm, which was extremely powerful.

ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO

Modelling Man

Albert DeSalvo would use this technique on women under 50 years of age and upon young girls.

He would gain access by stating he was from a model agency and that some fictitious person sent him to interview the girl. He would offer \$40 an hour, and in 80% of the cases the girls would pose in the nude for him. In many of the assaults on young girls, DeSalvo used a gun or knife, would tie them up and assault them.

Victims' Positions in the Murder Cases

It will be noted that of the 13 murdered victims, which murders allegedly were committed by DeSalvo, the main characteristics of the grotesque positions are as follows:

The victim was positioned so that, upon entering the room from any door, the body would be in full view.

The most notable characteristics of the body was that the body was positioned in such a way that all the sexual organs were noticed and the legs were spread wide apart.

Ligatures

Ligatures found on the victim's body always belonged to the victim herself.

Ligatures used were silk stockings, leotards, scarves and pillow cases. On every victim there was tied two silk stockings in a medical knot or square knot.

ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO

Time of Assaults

All of the assaults and murders allegedly committed by DeSalvo were broken down during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eighty percent of these crimes were committed during the week end.

Places of Crimes

All of the murders and assaults committed happened at multiple-dwelling apartments with brick fronts, of transient character, where many people were constantly coming and going. There were always two or three entrances and exits to these apartment houses. Investigation revealed that 90% of these apartment houses were sorely in need of repairs in one way or another.

DeSalvo always wore rubber surgical gloves and rubber overshoes.

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DeSalvo was sentenced in Middlesex County Superior Court, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on January 18, 1967 to life imprisonment on assault charges, which did not include the 13 murders. Attorneys for DeSalvo have appealed his conviction and, as yet, a finding relative to the appeal has not been made.

It should be noted that the defense attorneys also, during the trial of DeSalvo relative to the assault charges, contended that DeSalvo was insane but the jury at Middlesex County, Cambridge, voted that he was sane and thus found him guilty on all counts.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 2/25/67

FROM : J. H. Gale

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DATE 3/21/26 BY 61 (K/11/13)

SUBJECT: ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO
FUGITIVE
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT
RAPE

These are the most recent developments in connection with the escape of captioned individual, the self-confessed "Boston Strangler."

DeSalvo escaped with two other inmates, George W. Harrison and Frederick E. Erickson both of whom surrendered to their attorney on 2/24/67. The attorney, Martin Fay who has been engaged in investigating Massachusetts prison conditions, returned Harrison and Erickson to Massachusetts Correctional Institution during the evening of February 24, 1967.

Unlawful flight warrant for DeSalvo was authorized by United States Attorney in Boston on the evening of February 24 and intensive investigation is being pressed to locate him.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO LEGATS OTTAWA
MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO, FUGITIVE - UFAC - RAPE OQ: BOSTON.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO OTTAWA AND BUCAB
TO MEXICO CITY FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE INSTANT. DISCONTINUE.
SUBJECT APPREHENDED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT, LYNN,
MASSACHUSETTS.

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NR. OTT 60/MEX 72
ENC. [REDACTED]
CK. [REDACTED]
APPROVED BY [REDACTED]
TYPED BY [REDACTED]
LOGGED BY [REDACTED]

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VIA CABLEGRAM

FEB 25 1967

6:14 PM

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2/25/67

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO LEGATS MEXICO CITY
OTTAWA ((VIA AIR MAIL))
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO - FUGITIVE - UFAC - RAPE OO: BOSTON

Albert H. DE SALVO

SUBJECT, SELF ADMITTED "BOSTON STRANGLER" ESCAPED

MASSACHUSETTS CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETT
FEBRUARY TWENTY-FOUR LAST WHERE HE WAS SERVING LIFE SENTENCE
AFTER CONVICTION FOR RAPE. TWO INMATES WHO ESCAPED WITH HIM
GEORGE W. HARRISON AND FREDERICK E. ERICKSON HAVE SURRENDERED.

[REDACTED] DE SALVO INDICATED INTENTION OF GOING TO
ONTARIO, CANADA, BY PLANE AND TO GET "NOSE JOB" IN WAYNSBURG,
ONTARIO, AFTER WHICH HE WOULD KILL THE DOCTOR PERFORMING THE
OPERATION. DE SALVO ALLEGED TO BE ARMED WITH EIGHT SHOT
THIRTY-TWO CALIBER BERRETTA [REDACTED] DESALVO CARRIES
GUN IN RECTUM AND PLANS TO USE IF NECESSARY. [REDACTED] 163-12444-1

[REDACTED] ADVISED DESALVO INDICATED IF
ESCAPE SUCCESSFUL HE WOULD GO TO MEXICO. DE SALVO DESCRIBED
WHITE MALE AMERICAN DATE OF BIRTH SEPTEMBER THREE THIRTY-ONE

CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for Review)

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VIA CABLEGRAM

FEB 25 1967

2:15 PM

Cablegram to Legat Mexico City
Re: Albert Henry DeSalvo

FIFTY-FIVE POUNDS, HAZEL EYES, DARK BROWN HAIR, MEDIUM COMPLEXION.
LARGE HOOK NOSE, CIRCULAR SCAR LEFT SHOULDER, FBI NUMBER EIGHT
ONE FOUR SIX THREE NINE B; FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION TWENTY-ONE
UP, O OVER L, TWENTY-EIGHT OVER THIRTY-TWO, W OVER W, IOM OVER
OII. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARMED AND DANGEROUS. b7D

OTTAWA ADVISED AIRMAIL.

2/25/67

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SACS RICHMOND
CHARLOTTE

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

Albert H. De Salvo

ALBERT H. DE SALVO, UFAC - RAPE

RE CHARLOTTE TEL FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE INSTANT.

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT PROCESS ISSUED RE DE SALVO. RICHMOND
CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION PER RETEL.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☒

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: 2/25/67

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: ALBERT H. DE SALVO
UFAC - RAPE

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At approximately 3:05 a.m., 2/25/67, [REDACTED] advised Extra Duty Supervisor [REDACTED] telephonically he had information concerning DeSalvo.

[REDACTED] advised that at approximately 2:10 a.m., 2/25/67, while traveling with two companions in his car on New York Avenue near Bladensburg Rd. N.E., Washington, D. C., they observed a man whom they felt looked very similar in appearance to the photograph of DeSalvo appearing in Washington newspapers now. This unknown individual was driving a 1955 White Ford 4-door sedan with Maryland license, number unknown. This individual had been weaving across the road in front of [REDACTED] car on New York Avenue. When both cars had to stop at red light at New York Avenue and Bladensburg Rd N.E., this individual departed his car, walked to [REDACTED] car and repeated several times we "were the wrong ones." When the light changed [REDACTED] drove away and this was the last they saw of this individual. When they arrived at [REDACTED] residence and saw DeSalvo's photograph in the newspaper they believe the above-mentioned individual they saw looked like DeSalvo. He said he was furnishing this for any assistance it might be.

[REDACTED] described this unknown individual as: white, male, 27-35 years, 5' 11"-6; 175-180 lbs., stocky build, dark hair, medium complexion, no visible scars or distinguishing marks or features. Dressed in dark sweater with sleeves rolled up and tan dress pants. Characteristics: acted silly when he approached [REDACTED] car; could have been drinking.

ACTION: For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Wick _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
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Mr. Rosen _____
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Mr. Trotter _____
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Miss Gandy _____

FBI BOSTON

457AM 2-25-67 URGENT JAD

TO DIRECTOR, BALTIMORE, RICHMOND, CHARLOTTE, PHOENIX, EL PASO

SAN ANTONIO, SAN DIEGO, AND ALBUQUERQUE

FROM BOSTON (88-NEW) 3P

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ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO UFAC - RAPE - FUGITIVE

REBTEL 2/24 LAST

TITLE CHANGED TO REFLECT FULL NAME OF SUBJECT AND DELETE
NAMES OF SUBJECTS HARRISON AND ERICKSON WHO WERE SURRENDERED
APPROXIMATELY 10:20PM 2/24 LAST AT M.C.I. PRIDGewater BY
ATTY MARTINFAY, A LAWYER ENGAGED IN INVESTIGATING MASS. PRISON
CONDITIONS.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
U.S. ATTY PAUL F. MARKHAM, BOSTON, AUTHORIZED FILING OF
COMPLAINTS AGAINST ALL SUBJECTS EVENING OF 2/24 LAST CHARGING
ALL SUBJECTS WITH VIOLATION OF 112, SECT 1073 BEFORE USC FRANCIS
H. FARRELL, BOSTON. COMPLAINT SIGNED BY [REDACTED]
MASS. STATE POLICE. WARRANTS ISSUED AND BOND RECOMMENDED AT
\$100,000 WITH SURETY.

COMPLAINT CONCERNING DE SALVO CHARGES THAT ON FEBRUARY 24,
DE SALVO DID TRAVEL IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE WITH INTENT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT
AFTER CONVICTION OF FELONY OFFENCES UNDER THE LAWS OF MASS.

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COMPLAINT FURTHER STATES THAT

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DE SALVO HAD BEEN SENTENCED ON JANUARY 18 LAST, MIDDLESEX COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, EAST CAMBRIDGE, MASS., AFTER BEING CONVICTED ON RAPE CHARGES AND SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT, WHICH HE IS PRESENTLY APPEALING.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

END PAGE TWO

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PHOTOGRAPHS OF DE SALVO SENT OT BUREAU VIA ALLEGHANY AIRLINES,
FLIGHT 959, ARRIVING WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT, 12:41AM
INSTANT.

REQUEST ISSUANCE OF I.O. IN VIEW OF NATIONAL INTEREST AND NOTORIOUS
REPUTATION OF DE SALVO, FBI NUMBER EIGHT ONE FOUR DASH SIX THREE
NINE DASH B. DE SALVO DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, AMERICAN, BORN
9/3/31 AT CHELSEA, MASS., FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, 155 POUNDS, HAZEL
EYES, DARK BROWN HAIR, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, LARGE HOOK NOSE, CIRCULAR
SCAR LEFT SHOULDER, OCCUPATION CARPENTER AND MASON.

FILE OF SUPJECT BEING REVIEWED, M.C.I., BRIDGEWATER AND LEADS
TO BE SENT OUT. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE LEGAT, MEXICO CTY.

INFO COPIES FURNISHED TO BALTIMORE, RICHMOND AND CHARLOTTE DUE TO
PENDING INVESTIGATION IN THESE DIVISIONS. COPIES FURNISHED TO PHOENIX
SAN ANTONIO, SAN DIEGO, EL PASO AND ALBUQUERQUE IN VIEW OF FACT THESE
OFFICES COVER MIXICAN BORDER AND ARE REQUESTED TO PLACE IMMEDIATE
STOPS WITH APPROPRIATE SOURCES.

DE SALVO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF
HIS VIOLENT BACKGROUND AND HIS ADMISSIONS TO SEVERAL MURDERS.

END

~~CORR IN TITLE ADD FUGITIVE~~

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Wick	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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12:29M URGETN 2-25-67 CPO

TO RICHMOND, BOSTON, AND BUREAU

FROM CHARLOTTE /88-9859/ 2P

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DATE 3/1/86 BY SP-10/1/86

ALBERT H. DE SALVO; POSSIBLE UFAP; MISC. INFORMATION CONCERNING.

[REDACTED] GREYHOUND BUS DRIVER, [REDACTED] ADVISED HE
DROVE BUS SCHEDULE NUMBER FIFTEEN LEAVING RICHMOND, VA. ABOUT SIX
PM AND ARRIVING RALEIGH, N. C. EIGHT THIRTY. BUS ORIGINATED BOSTON,
MASS., THREE FORTYFIVE AM TWO TWENTYFOUR SIXTYSEVEN DRIVEN BY
/FNU/ [REDACTED] WHO WAS RELIEVED BY [REDACTED] AND WILL SPEND NIGHT IN
RICHMOND. b7c

AT GREYHOUND TERMINAL, RICHMOND, VA. WHILE TAKING TICKETS
ON TOP DECK, WHITE MALE SITTING ON RIGHT SIDE OF BUS, WHO HAD
BEEN ON BUS WHEN IT ARRIVED REQUESTED REFUND ON PRICE OF TICKET
FOR REMAINDER OF TRIP TO MIAMI, FLA. [REDACTED] ADVISED HIM HE WOULD
HAVE TO CONTACT GREYHOUND OFFICES, LEXINGTON, KY. WHITE MALE
ASKED ABOUT LUGGAGE AND DISPLAYED LUGGAGE TICKET AND WAS TOLD BY
[REDACTED] ONE OF PORTERS WOULD REMOVE LUGGAGE FOR HIM AND HE DEPARTED
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CE 88-9859

UPON READING NEWSPAPER IN RALEIGH, N.C. [REDACTED] OBSERVED PHOTO ^{b7c}
OF SUBJECT AND STORY OF ESCAPE AND BELIEVES ABOVE INDIVIDUAL
IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT. HE COULD OFFER NO INFO AS TO CLOTHING
OR OTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF ABOVE INDIVIDUAL AND ONLY STATES THAT
HE WAS MEDIUM BUILD.

RICHMOND NOTIFY LOCAL AUTHORITIES RE ABOVE.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF FBI INVESTIGATION REQUESTED
AND IF SO RICHMOND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

AS DE SALVO IS ADMITTED PSYCHOPATHIC MURDERER CONSIDER
DANGEROUS WITH SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

END.

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FBI WASH DC

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: 2-24-67

FROM : A. B. Eddy

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 3/21/76 BY SP2TQ/KW

SUBJECT: ALBERT DI SALVO, also known as
"The Boston Strangler"
POSSIBLE UNLAWFUL FLIGHT MATTER

Tolson ✓
DeLoach ✓
Mohr ✓
Wick ✓
Casper ✓
Callahan ✓
Conrad ✓
Felt ✓
Gale ✓
Rosen ✓
Sullivan ✓
Tavel ✓
Trotter ✓
Tele. Room ✓
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Radio newscasts this morning told of the escape during the night from a Massachusetts State Hospital of Albert Di Salvo, the convicted self-admitted Boston strangler-rapist.

SAC Handley, Boston, was telephonically contacted to secure additional details. Handley advised that DiSalvo was confined to the Bridgewater, Massachusetts, Mental Hospital for the criminally insane and his method of escape is unknown at this time. Two other inmates also reportedly are missing from the institution. Handley advised that Agents are at Bridgewater maintaining liaison with institution officials and with the local district attorney so that, if applicable, unlawful flight process will be obtained at the earliest possible moment.

Di Salvo, who has been convicted and has received a life sentence for various sex crimes, was under confinement at the Bridgewater institution while his case, represented by the widely-publicized criminal attorney, F. Lee Bailey, is under appeal.

ACTION:

SAC Handley was instructed to closely follow this matter and to keep the Bureau promptly advised of pertinent developments.

6-ENCLOSURE

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. Wick
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Gale
1-Mr. Eddy

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FBI BOSTON

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TO BUREAU

FROM BOSTON 88-4154

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Wick
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Gandy

ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO FUGITIVE; UFAC DASH RAPE; OO: BS.

RE BS TELEPHONE CALL TO BU THIS DATE.

SUBJECT APPREHENDED TWO FIFTY PM THIS DATE, IN SIMON
SHOE STORE, LYNN, MASS., BY LYNN PD. [REDACTED] OF SHOE STORE
BECAME SUSPICIOUS OF SUBJECT, WHO HAD BEEN MAKING
NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS AND CALLED THE LYNN PD, WHO MADE
ARREST.

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Memorandum sent, by
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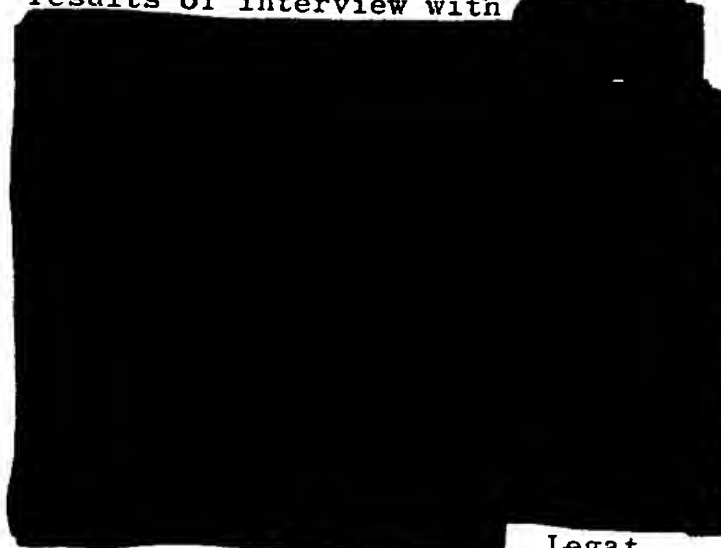
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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

2/25/67

Attached tele reports
results of interview with



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Legat

Ottawa alerted. Wanted flyer being prepared.

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SP-10/1/82

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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TELETYPE

ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO - FUGITIVE
Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement

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FOR INFO BUREAU

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. D. L. Bach ✓
Mr. [unclear] ✓
Mr. [unclear] ✓
Mr. Cramer ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Conrad ✓
Mr. Felt ✓
Mr. Gale ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Sullivan ✓
Mr. Tavel ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
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AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE, MASS. STATE POLICE DEPT., ^{ATTORNEY GENERAL'S} ~~A.G.'S~~
^{DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S} OFFICE AND ~~D.A.'S~~ OFFICE ARE NOTIFYING CANADIAN AUTHORITIES AND
ARE CHECKING ALL AIRPORTS.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE LEGAT OTTAWA.

FOR INFO BUFFALO AND DETROIT SUBJECT IS ALLEGED "BOSTON STRANGLER"
AND SENTENCED 1-18 LAST, MIDDLESEX COUNTY COURT, EAST CAMBRIDGE, MASS.
TO LIFE TERM ON RAPE CHARGES. COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY U.S.A. PAUL
END PAGE TWO

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F. MARKHAM CHARGING SUBJECT WITH VIOLATION OF T12 SECT 1073 USC.
COMPLAINT SIGNED BY [REDACTED], MASS. STATE POLICE
DEPT. AND FILED BEFORE USC FRANCIS H. FARRELL, BOSTON 2-24 LAST.
WARRANT ISSUED AND BOND RECOMMENDED \$100,000 WITH SURETY.

WHITE, MALE, AMERICAN,
DE SALVO DESCRIBED WMA, DOB 9-3-31, CHELSEA, MASS. FIVE FEET
DATE OF BIRTH
TEN INCHES, 155 POUNDS, HAZEL EYES, DARK BROWN HAIR, MEDIUM
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BUFFALO AND DETROIT ALERT NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE SOURCES.

DE SALVO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF
HIS VIOLENT BACKGROUND AND ADMISSIONS TO SEVERAL MURDERS AND HIS
ALLEGED POSSESSION OF .32 CAL BERRETTA.

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cc - 1/10 [Signature]

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED] b7c
Feb. 28, 1967
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Dear Mr Hoover,

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Also, I think your men did a great job of tracking DeSalvo down. I would please like to have your opinion on this matter. Thank you for your trouble.

Yours truly,


/s/ [REDACTED] b7c

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Feb. 28, 1967

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Feb 2-6-67

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 b7c

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March 6, 1967

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DATE 3/1/80 BY SP-8 Kyp/yl

Dear [REDACTED] b7c

Your letter of February 28th has been received,
and I certainly appreciate your kind comments.

Enclosed are some booklets about our activities
I hope you will enjoy reading. I have also included an article
about our "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" program which I trust
you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 6

MAR 6 - 1967

COMM-FBI

Enclosures (3) "
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Profiles in Crime

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent.
Although Federal process was issued in connection with the escape
of Albert DeSalvo, the FBI was not in on the apprehension as he
surrendered to local police in Lynn, Massachusetts. Correspondent's
inquiries regarding this matter are being intentionally ignored.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (163-12664) DATE: 3/9/67

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (163-200) RUC

SUBJECT: ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO
FPC

ReBS letter to the Director 2/17/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are an original and five copies of a LHM and for Boston, two copies of a LHM setting forth the results of a review of DE SALVO's military service record.

This review was conducted by IC [REDACTED] b7c

The Bureau is requested through the Liaison Section at The Pentagon to determine if information contained in DE SALVO's service record may be disseminated.

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1 - St. Louis
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

St. Louis, Missouri

March 9, 1967

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ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO

DATE 3/21/16 BY SP-7 JF/yr

On March 2, 1967, a review of the military records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, disclose ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO, Serial Number 11 132 117, enlisted in the United States Army and entered on active duty on September 16, 1948, at Fort Banks, Massachusetts. He served on active duty until June 25, 1951, at which time he was honorably discharged as a Private First Class, at Gelnhausen, Germany, to re-enlist in the United States Army.

He re-enlisted in the United States Army on June 26, 1951, at Gelnhausen, Germany, and continued on active duty until February 15, 1956, at which time he was honorably discharged, as a Sergeant, at Fort Dix, New Jersey, by reason of involuntary separation of enlisted personnel who are below current standards due to limitations of requirements of present needs.

The records disclosed DeSalvo had previously applied for enlistment in the United States Marine Corps on September 10, 1948, at Boston, Massachusetts, and had been rejected due to overweight.

DeSalvo had foreign service in Germany from December 28, 1948, to July 3, 1951, and from October 5, 1951, to March 27, 1954.

The chronological order of his service in Germany was shown as follows:

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1. En route overseas to Bremerhaven, Germany, from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey	12/17/48	12/27/48
2. Replacement, Replacement Depot, 7720th European Command, APO-872 (Marburg, Germany)	12/28/48	1/10/49

ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO

	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
3.	Duty Soldier, Headquarters and Headquarters Command, 14th Armored Cavalry, APO-171 (Fritzlar, Germany)	1/11/49	3/4/49
4.	Duty Soldier and Assault Rifleman, Company G, 14th Armored Cavalry, APO-139 (Bamberg, Germany)	3/5/49	6/6/49
5.	Light Weapons Infantryman; Light Truck Driver; Motor Messenger Clerk, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 14th Armored Cavalry, APO-171 (Fritzlar, Germany)	6/7/49	12/3/50
6.	Motor Messenger Clerk, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 14th Armored Cavalry, APO-807 (Bad Nauheim, Germany)	12/4/50	6/25/51
7.	Light Weapons Infantryman, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 14th Armored Cavalry, APO-757 (Frankfurt, Germany)	6/26/51	7/3/51
8.	En route continental United States to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, from Bremerhaven, Germany	7/4/51	7/16/51
9.	En route overseas to Bremerhaven, Germany, from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey	9/25/51	10/4/51
10.	Light Weapons Infantryman, Company F, 14th Armored Cavalry, APC-62 (Bad Kissengen, Germany)	10/5/51	2/3/52
11.	Headquarters Company, 7767th Tank Training Center, APO-114-2 (Grafenwohr, Germany)	2/4/52	3/14/52

ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
12. Armor Intelligence Specialist, Company F, Second Battalion, 14th Armored Cavalry, APO-62 (Bad Kissengen, Germany)	<u>2/29/52</u>	3/27/54
The records failed to furnish an explanation for the latter two overlapping periods of service set forth above.		
13. En route continental United States to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, from Bremerhaven, Germany	3/28/54	4/7/54.

In addition to the stations in Germany above, it was noted that De Salvo received an award on February 11, 1949, at Colberg, Germany.

He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp, the National Defense Service Medal, the Marksman Badge with Pistol and Carbine Bars, and the Sharpshooter Badge with Rifle Bar.

His character and efficiency ratings ranged from "good" to "excellent" and there was no record of absence without official leave.

He was tried and convicted by a Summary Court-Martial on August 17, 1950, at Fritzlar, Germany, in that he, having received a lawful order from a non-commissioned officer, failed to obey same on or about August 5, 1950. He was sentenced to be reduced to the lowest enlisted grade and to forfeit \$50.00 of his pay.

The records revealed DeSalvo filed a claim with the Veterans Administration Regional Office, 1 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on March 2, 1956, and all available medical records were forwarded to that facility on March 16, 1956. The claim was shown as "disability" and filed under Veterans Administration claim number C-19 634 060.

The following background information was contained in the military service records for DeSalvo:

ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO

Name	Albert Henry DeSalvo
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Date and place of birth	September 3, 1931, Chelsea, Massachusetts
Blood Type	"O", RH Factor not shown
Education	One year high school, Chelsea, Massachusetts, 1948.
Language	German (spoken in his home)
Military Specialties	Light Weapons Infantryman; Motor Messenger Clerk; Light Truck Driver; Armor Intelligence Specialist; Combat Engineer.
Civilian Occupation	Shoe repairman, Chelsea, Massachusetts, 1947 - 1948.
Address	1948 - 1956, 82 - 5th Street, Chelsea, Massachusetts.
Relatives	[REDACTED] address not shown. [REDACTED] same address as above, 1951. [REDACTED], same address as above, 1951.
Photograph	None

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE BOSTON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BOSTON	DATE 3/10/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/24/67 - 2/27/67
TITLE OF CASE ALBERT H. DE SALVO - FUGITIVE <i>BS 2-25-67</i>		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7C	TYPE ma
		CHARACTER OF CASE UFAC - RAPE <i>3-2-67</i>	

REFERENCES: Boston teletype to Bureau dated 2/24/67.
Boston teletype to Bureau dated 2/25/67.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Agents of the Boston Office had commenced investigation in this matter at the time of subject's apprehension.

In the interest of brevity, results of this investigation are not being set forth in this report.

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Copy to: 1-USA, BOSTON

Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7c
Date: 3/10/67

Office: Boston, Massachusetts

Field Office File #: 88-4154

Bureau File #:

Title: ALBERT H. DE SALVO

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Character: UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - RAPE

Synopsis:

On 2/24/67, an authorized complaint was filed and a warrant issued by U. S. Commissioner, Boston, charging subject with violation of T. 18, Sec. 1073, USC. Bond recommended \$100,000 with surety. In early morning hours, subject and two other inmates escaped from MCI, Bridgewater, Mass. On 2/25/67, subject apprehended by officers of the Lynn, Mass. PD. On 2/27/67, Federal complaint dismissed in USDC, Boston.

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Details:

During the early morning hours of February 24, 1967, subject and two other inmates escaped from the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Bridgewater, Massachusetts. The subject was serving life for rape. Federal assistance was requested by local authorities.

On February 24, 1967, a complaint authorized by United States Attorney PAUL F. MARKHAM, Boston, was signed by [REDACTED] Massachusetts State Police. b7c
On the same date, a warrant was issued by U. S. Commissioner FRANCIS H. FARRELL, Boston, charging subject DE SALVO with violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073, in that he did leave the State of Massachusetts to avoid confinement for the crime of rape.

BS 88-4154

U. S. Attorney MARKHAM recommended \$100,000 bond with surety.

On February 25, 1967, the subject was apprehended by officers of the Lynn, Massachusetts Police Department and subsequently remanded to the Massachusetts State Prison, Walpole, Massachusetts.

On February 27, 1967, the Federal warrant against DE SALVO was dismissed in U. S. District Court, Boston.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

FEB 25 1967

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Wick	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
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Mr. Sullivan	_____
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FBI BOSTON

3:25P URGENT 2-25-67 LMB

TO DIRECTOR, ALBUQUERQUE, BALTIMORE, BUFFALO, CHARLOTTE,
DETROIT, EL PASO, PHOENIX, RICHMOND, SAN ANTONIO, AND
SAN DIEGO.

FROM BOSTON 88-4154

ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO DASH FUGITIVE; UFAC DASH RAPE.

RE BS TELETYPE DATED FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE INSTANT.

ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE. SUBJECT APPREHENDED WEST
LYNN, MASS., THIS DATE.

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FBI WASH DC

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163-12664-24

12 FEB 28 1967

62 MAR 8 1967
CC: MR. GALE

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (163-12664)

DATE: 7/2/68

FROM : LEGAT, BONN (163-1508) (P)

SUBJECT: ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO
FPC

Enclosed for Oklahoma City's background use is one copy of an LHM dated February 17, 1967 at Boston, Massachusetts.

Enclosed for the Bureau for transmittal to both Boston and Oklahoma City are six copies of a letter from [REDACTED] b7D

For the further information of Oklahoma City, subject is the notorious "Boston Strangler", who was the subject of much newspaper publicity.

[REDACTED] b7D

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- 7 - Bureau (Enc. 6)
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 (2 - Oklahoma City) (Enc. 1)
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163-12664-25

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LEADS

BOSTON

Determine whether or not subject may be interviewed at this time and, if so, interview him in line with the [REDACTED] request. b7D

OKLAHOMA CITY

[REDACTED]
Interview [REDACTED] b7c

FBI

Date: 8/2/68

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Via _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (163-12664)
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (163-76) (RUC)
ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO
FPC
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OO Bureau

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Enclosed for Louisville, in addition to Xerox copy of referenced letter, are Xerox copies of Legat, Bonn, letter to Bureau 7/2/68, Boston letter and memorandum 2/17/67, and

Efforts to locate [REDACTED] at McAlester, Oklahoma, negative to date.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Louisville (Enc. 4)
- 1 - Oklahoma City

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1 AUG 5 1968

C. C. Bishop

57 AUG 17 1968

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

Per _____

OC 163-76

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

LEAD

LOUISVILLE DIVISION

[REDACTED]

Will immediately interview [REDACTED] b7c
according to enclosed instructions from the Bureau.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (163-12664)

FROM : SAC, ^hBOSTON (163-461) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION

DATE: 8/8/68

Enclosed herewith are an original and three copies of a letterhead memorandum dated August 8, 1968 at Boston, Massachusetts, concerning the above captioned individual.

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2 - Bureau (Encls. 4)
1 - Boston
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 ras *b7c*

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25 AUG 22 1968

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57 AUG 27 1968



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Boston, Massachusetts
August 8, 1968

ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO

Charles Rogovan, Assistant Attorney General, State of Massachusetts, advised on August 8, 1968 that appeals are pending in connection with Albert Henry DeSalvo. He is still being represented by Attorney F. Lee Bailey and he requested that attempts to interview the subject be held in abeyance for a few months.

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DATE 5/21/86 BY sp2 Top/JP

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (163-12664)

FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (163-41) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO
FPC

OO: BUREAU

DATE: 8/8/68

Re Oklahoma City airtel to the Bureau, 8/2/68.

ENCLOSURES:

Enclosed for the Bureau are one original and five copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting interview of [REDACTED] and for Boston one copy of this letterhead memorandum. b7c

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Information copy of this communication is being furnished to Boston in view of their investigative interest in this matter.

Investigation in this matter was conducted at [REDACTED] by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7c

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 - 1 - Louisville (163-41)
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Routing Slip
FD-4 (Rev. 4-28-67)

Date 1-21-69

To:

☒ Director (163-12664)

FILE 163-1508

Att.:

☐ SAC

Title Albert Henry DeSalvo

☐ ASAC

FPC

☐ Supv.

☐ Agent

☐ SE

☐ IC

☐ CC

RE: Boston let 8-8-68

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and BU form 0-7 8-13-68

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ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign Reassign

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☐ For information

☐ Handle

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

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DATE 5/21/76 BY SP5TAP/gy

b2D
We closed on reBU form after giving Boston LHM
to [redacted] We told them we would do anything
further Boston might get. Can you tell me whether
this will be rechecked by Boston or have we
done all we can.

See reverse side

SAC

S. Van Zon

Office

Bonn

161
1 MAY 1969

F B I

Date: 3/4/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (163-12664)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (163-461) (RUC)
SUBJECT: ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO
FPC
(OO - BUREAU)

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PL 80-101

Enclosed herewith is the original
and five copies of a letterhead memorandum dated
3/4/69 at Boston, Massachusetts, concerning the
above-captioned individual.

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163-12664-29

12 MAR 6 1969

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

March 4, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO

[REDACTED], Attorney
General's Office, Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
advised this date that Albert Henry DeSalvo has hired
a new attorney, namely, Thomas Troy. Troy has brought
motions for a new trial of DeSalvo in Middlesex Superior
Court.

In view of the above, there will be no
attempt to interview subject.

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Date Received 3/67

From _____
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR) b7c

By 

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☐ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Boston

DATE: 10-7-65

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION
BUDED 10-21-65

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action is a request for assistance from a foreign agency.

This request must be complied with promptly in accordance with instructions contained in Section 103 of the Manual of Instructions. Submit the results of your inquiries in a letterhead memorandum. The Bureau is origin in this case and must be advised of all action taken.

The letterhead memorandum must be prepared in such a manner as to fully protect our sources and techniques. If the request concerns information from another Government agency, include in the letterhead memorandum only the information which the agency is willing to have furnished to the interested foreign government. Do not include the names of Special Agents in either the letterhead memorandum or in signed statements. The letterhead memorandum should receive a protective security classification if warranted but should not receive a group classification. Do not include the property statement in the letterhead memorandum unless special reasons exist and any such reasons should be explained in the cover letter.

The reputation of the Bureau within foreign agencies and the cooperation that we receive in turn from them will in a large measure be determined by the manner in which this type case is handled. It is imperative, therefore, that any requested investigation and the reporting thereof meet the highest standards of the Bureau.

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October 28, 1965

The Honorable John S. Bottomly
Assistant Attorney General
Department of the Attorney General
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State House
Boston, Massachusetts

Attention: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir:

Re: Albert Henry DeSalvo

Very truly yours,

James L. Handley
James L. Handley
Special Agent in Charge

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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State House, Boston 02133

Edward W. Brooke
Attorney General

October 29, 1965

James L. Handley
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
470 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

Re: Albert Henry DeSalvo.

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED] has referred to me your letter of
October 28, 1965. b7c

Because of the present state of the investigations and the demands associated with the preparation of cases for possible presentation to grand juries, it does not appear to be appropriate at this time to divulge information about the modus operandi or possible admissions of Albert Henry DeSalvo. b7D

However, please assure [REDACTED] that this Department will cooperate at the earliest possible date when disclosure of such information could not possibly jeopardize investigations or judicial proceedings. At such time, if you consider it desirable, the appropriate agent or agents on your staff will be invited to review the files and confer with the members of the staff of this Department who have the desired information.

Very truly yours, 103 461 4

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Date **October 28, 1965**

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Strangler Suspect To Receive Hearing

By AL BLACKMAN.

A hearing will be sought soon to determine the competency of the self-confessed Boston strangler to stand trial for 11 stranglings and two other deaths, the Record American learned Thursday, despite the fact that psychiatrists are divided in opinion on his mental condition. Middlesex Probate Judge Frederick McMenimen ruled the sus-

pect is competent to manage his own business without the need for a guardian.

This ruling was a civil matter, however, and has no bearing on the prosecution of criminal charges which will be brought in the event the man is found competent to stand trial.

The psychiatrists who are divided now on his competency will testify at the Superior Court hearing and the matter will be left to a final determination by a judge.

There is a quirk to the competency question. Even if the court rules the suspect is competent, all psychiatrists involved agree the man has a committable disease.

Middlesex Dist. Atty. John J. Droney declined all comment on the case.

NEED AGREEMENT

A general agreement probably will be necessary between the suspect's counsel, Attys F. Lee Bailey and Jon Asgerirsson, and the district attorneys of Middlesex, Essex and Suffolk counties, as to how police can go about questioning him.

This could be delicate work because of the mental condition of the subject.

Asgerirsson, Bailey, the man's family which is standing by him) and the psychiatrists are the only ones who have talked to him since his commitment to Bridgewater. Detectives have been kept busy.

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Evidence in the case, assuming the suspect is found competent, will be presented to grand juries of Middlesex, Essex and Suffolk counties, but the trial is expected to be held in Suffolk.

This could take six to eight weeks, some sources claim, depending on how long it takes to impanel jurors.

EVIDENCE TECHNICAL

The evidence would be mostly of a technical medical nature from psychiatrists and the alleged confessions of the defendant would be read into the record.

Authorities reportedly are considering two possible times for the trial—midsummer or after the November elections. The latter date is favored to avoid any possible political interference.

The suspect is expected to plead not guilty by reason of insanity. If found guilty he could get a death sentence.

When he confessed, the suspect did not appear to care whether he lived or died, but since treatment at Bridgewater, his attitude has reversed and he reportedly has great desire to live.

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Richardson May Find DeSalvo Case Rough

By JACK O'SHEA

Atty. Gen. Elliot L. Richardson bit off a big chunk recently when he announced the reopening of the probe of self-acclaimed Boston Strangler Albert DeSalvo.

His office has a tremendous amount of work to do on the case because:

—Tapes of detailed conversations with the Malden handyman in 1965 may not be admissible at a trial, if any is ever held.

—Several key persons involved with the initial investigation are no longer in office.

In July, 1965, when DeSalvo first volunteered to tell officials of his alleged activities connected with the deaths of 13 Greater Boston women between 1962 and 1964, there was a stipulation that nothing he told them could be used in prosecution.

Former Asst. Atty. Gen. John S. Bottomly, head of the so-called Strangler Bureau established in 1964 by former Atty. Gen. Edward W. Brooke, recently disclosed that the tapes of conversations with DeSalvo have remained locked in a bank vault for which he has the only keys.

Richardson has since made a

request that Bottomly turn over the tapes to his office.

Present during the several taped interviews with DeSalvo at Bridgewater State Hospital were several officials. These included, besides Bottomly, former State Police Lt. Det. Andrew J. Tuney, DeSalvo's guardian; former Corrections Commr. George McGrath, former Boston Police Det. Philip DiNatale, and DeSalvo's counsel, Atty. F. Lee Bailey.

Only Bailey still remains on the job.

Bottomly left office in the fall of 1966 to return to practice of private law. He is currently a co-ordinator for a Hollywood firm filming the Boston Strangler story.

DiNatale recently resigned from the Boston Police Dept. to become a consultant to the same movie film. Filming has been completed in Boston and the company is now in California.

Tuney left as chief investigator in the Strangler Bureau in October 1966 and is now head of Investigative Associates of Boston, a private detective firm.

Other bureau detectives, James Glynn, a former Boston police officer, and Steve De-

laney, a former MDC policeman, have left for private work.

Even the secretary to the former bureau has resigned. Miss Sandra Irizarry is now with Tuney's firm.

Before the special bureau was shut down, a vast collection of files including photographs of each crime scene had been compiled.

Presumably this collection, representing two years' labor by a staff of at least four detectives, is in Richardson's possession.

Donald Conn, former assistant attorney general and now special assistant to Richardson, is presumably the man who would prosecute DeSalvo. Conn, while an assistant district attorney in Middlesex County, succeeded in January 1967 in getting DeSalvo convicted for four sex attacks.

DeSalvo has never been formally charged with any of the murders and the only comment from anyone in authority is that he has remained "a suspect."

In the planned reopening, DeSalvo is expected to voluntarily incriminate himself before one or more grand juries and go on trial, hoping for a verdict of innocent by reason of insanity.

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Boston Strangler Probe Reopened by Richardson

By DONALD FESSENDEN

Atty. Gen. Elliot L. Richardson has reopened the special bureau investigating the so-called Boston stranglings of 1962-64 because of "new information" concerning Albert DeSalvo, who says he is the man who killed 13 eastern Massachusetts women.

DeSalvo, now serving a life sentence in the state prison at Walpole for molesting four Greater Boston women, is reported ready to confess in detail to a grand jury, apparently in the hope that he will request that he would be found not guilty by reason of insanity.

DeSalvo's attorney, F. Lee Bailey, said last night:

"There is a move afoot to clean up the cases and I'm working with the attorney general to that end."

Bailey also said reports that DeSalvo would confess the stranglings to a grand jury are "not without foundation." He confirmed that he had visited DeSalvo at Walpole last month and the next day returned to the prison with Atty. Gen. Donald Conn.

"That's all I have to say," Bailey concluded.

Announcement of the reopening of the strangler investigation



ALBERT DESALVO

bureau was made at the State House yesterday by Conn. At that time he was asked if DeSalvo would be part of the renewed inquiry. He answered:

"Anytime you start investigating the stranglings, of course Albert DeSalvo automatically becomes concerned. The attorney general has acknowledged for

some time that DeSalvo has to be regarded as a prime suspect."

Conn. declined to say, however, that DeSalvo's reported willingness to tell all comprised the "new information" which the original attorney general announced "has just been made available and is becoming available to the attorney general's office for the first time."

The 13 stranglings occurred between June, 1962, and January, 1964. Nine were in Suffolk County, three in Essex and one in Middlesex.

Conn. as an assistant Middlesex district attorney, prosecuted DeSalvo last year on the charges of molesting four Greater Boston women. DeSalvo was an inmate of the Bridgewater State Hospital before the trial.

The special bureau to investigate the stranglings was set up by then Atty. Gen. Edward W. Brooke, with Atty. John S. Bottemly in charge as a special assistant attorney general.

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Enclosed for the Bureau for transmittal to both Boston and Oklahoma City are six copies of a letter from

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Memorandum

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TO : SAC, Boston (163-461)

DATE: 7-10-68

FROM : Director, FBI (163-12664)

SUBJECT: ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO
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Instructions for handling this inquiry are found in Section 103 of the Manual of Instructions. Refer to and follow them carefully.

Submit the results of your inquiry in a letterhead memorandum, observing the following points in its preparation:

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5. Secure authority to disseminate to the interested foreign government any information which was obtained from other agencies. Your cover communication must state this was done.

The established reputation of the Bureau within foreign agencies is a valuable asset. The manner in which this type of case is handled will largely determine the cooperation which we receive in turn from them. It is imperative, therefore, that these investigations and the reporting thereof meet the highest standards of the Bureau.

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Re: Boston airtel, January 7, 1967.

Following are the developments during past week.

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 murdered in gangland style at Boston, Massachusetts this past
 fall.

The trial of the alleged strangler, ALBERT DE SALVO, continues in Middlesex County Superior Court in connection with four assaults by DE SALVO. The defense has elicited testimony that DE SALVO has admitted to being the strangler and is attempting to have him found not guilty by reason of insanity. On this past Friday, January 13, 1967, the prosecution presented a secret witness who testified that DE SALVO told him he would make a great deal of money from numerous magazine and book articles in connection with the stranglings.

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CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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The following are the developments during the current week:

Newspaper headlines in Boston during the past week carried a report that the Justice Department has a Flying Squad made up of members of various investigative agencies and they are going to investigate the LCN in this area. According to newspaper reports, the prime target of the investigation in the Boston area will be RAYMOND L. S. PATRIARCA. Newspaper articles stated that USA PAUL MARKHAM, Boston, advised that representatives of the Justice Department had been in the Boston area in approximately 12/66 in connection with this concentrated effort on the LCN.

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On Friday, 2/24/67, ALBERT DE SALVO, known as the "Boston Strangler," and two other inmates escaped from the Bridgewater State Mental Hospital, Bridgewater, Mass. The other two inmates gave themselves up the same day and DE SALVO was taken into custody on Saturday, 2/25/67, at Lynn, Mass.

In television interviews during the past week, District Attorney JOHN DRONEY of Middlesex County, Cambridge, Mass., stated that the President's National Committee on Crime had avoided some of the principle issues involved and that it was his opinion that one of the prime ways to fight crime would be to start by changing some of the laws that the Supreme Court has "saddled investigative agencies with."

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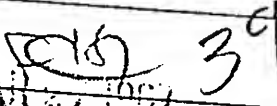
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The trial of numerous inmates of the Massachusetts Correctional Institution (MCI), Walpole, Mass., on charges of assaulting prison personnel in a riot continues in Norfolk County Superior Court, Dedham, Mass. During the course of the trial a number of the inmates pleaded guilty. Inmate GEORGE HARRISON, who had escaped from the MCI, Bridgewater, Mass., with ALBERT DE SALVO, slashed his wrists during the trial while in the Detention Room but was not seriously injured and is recovering.

EDWARD "WIMPY" BENNETT is still missing and, as the Bureau has previously been advised, he has been eliminated.

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BOSTON DIVISION

The following are the developments during the current week:

Boston newspapers have been carrying numerous accounts speculating on the possible removal of EDMUND L. MC NAMARA as Police Commissioner of the City of Boston, by newly elected Mayor KEVIN H. WHITE, as well as the possible removal of LEO L. LAUGHLIN as Public Safety Commissioner by Gov. JOHN A. VOLPE.

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As a result of a raid by the State Police on the bookie establishment in Everett, Mass., on 1/4/68, newly-elected Mayor JOHN MC CARTHY has removed the three members of the Vice Squad and assigned them to other duties.

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In a written opinion, Justice ARTHUR WHITTEMORE found that there was the possibility that if the so-called "Rogers Rule" had been in use at the time, there would have been unanimous medical opinion that the defendant was not criminally responsible.

The so-called "Rogers Rule" is based on the American Law Institute's Model Penal Code. The code states, "A person is not responsible for criminal conduct if at the time of such conduct, as a result of mental disease or defect, he lacks substantial capacity to appreciate the criminality of his conduct as to conform his conduct to the requirements of law."

The State Supreme Judicial Court, in another action, also refused to overturn the conviction of the "self-confessed Boston Strangler," ALBERT DE SALVO, on assault charges in Middlesex County Superior Court.

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Date: March 15, 1968

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TO: Director, FBI (62-9-5)
FROM: SAC, Boston (94-536)
SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BOSTON DIVISION

Following are events of current week:

The "Boston Globe," daily newspaper published at Boston, Massachusetts, ran lengthy interview of Attorney JOHN FITZGERALD by reporter RONALD WY SOCKIE. FITZGERALD, attorney for JOSEPH BARON, was dynamited in his automobile on January 31, 1968. In the interview FITZGERALD told WY SOCKIE that he feels the FBI has an idea as to who dynamited his car but has not told him anything.

District Attorney JOHN DRONEY, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, had made another statement to the press relative to alleged Boston strangler ALBERT DE SALVO. District Attorney DRONEY quoted DE SALVO as saying on one occasion when questioned about the disappearance of a Lincoln, Massachusetts housewife that he, DE SALVO, was a lover and not a killer. DRONEY said he plans to go to Concord Reformatory to talk to GEORGE HARRISON, an inmate, who claims to have information that DE SALVO is not the strangler.

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The Massachusetts Attorney General has opened a grand jury inquiry at Fall River, Massachusetts relative to organized crime. Newspapers indicate over 200 people will be called before this grand jury.

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To: SAC, Boston, MASS

From: Director, FBI

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[REDACTED] advised that it may be coincidental, but it has been noted that on each occasion when [REDACTED] returns from a trip to Boston, the newspapers carry another account of a woman who has been strangled in the Boston area.

[REDACTED] advised he has no other basis for suspecting other than that he is extremely evasive about his activities in Boston and is rather an aloof individual.

You should furnish the above information to the [REDACTED] through established liaison for whatever action it may deem necessary.

- Washington Field (Information)
- Mr. ROSEN

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUB, ^{MASS} BOSTON STRANGLER.

(SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION - FUGITIVE SECTION).

REBUTEL SEPTEMBER TWO INSTANT, CAPTIONED UNSUB; BOSTON STRANGLER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
ALSO KNOWN AS
THE STRANGLER
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: September 24, 1965

1 - Mr. Tavel
1 - Mr. Callahan (Attention [redacted])

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen

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1 - [redacted]
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On 9/20/65, the Boston Office furnished information received from Massachusetts Attorney General's office and the Boston Commissioner of Police to the effect that local authorities believe they have identified the individual responsible for the eleven strangulation murders which have occurred in the Boston area during the past several years. The local authorities identified the suspect as one Albert Hendry DeSalvo, currently incarcerated at the Bridgewater State Hospital in Massachusetts.

The Identification Division has furnished a record (attached) under FBI Number [redacted] for one Albert Henry DeSalvo, [redacted]

[redacted]

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A review of the Bureau's files located information furnished on 3/28/6 by the Boston Office, wherein DeSalvo was arrested by the Cambridge Police following a series of house breaks. At that time the local authorities advised DeSalvo posed as a talent scout for a modeling agency and if an attractive girl answered the door he would offer her a high-salary modeling job if she passed a test which included his taking her body measurements. According to the police, when unattractive women answered the door he would plead he had the wrong address and, further, if no one was home, DeSalvo would break into the residence. According to police, DeSalvo stated he did not know why he took women's measurements but thought he was in need of medical attention.

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (62-4246)

RE: UNSUB; AKA, THE STRANGLER
INFORMATION CONCERNING

CRIME COND. TRAIN - Boston

 investigator of the Attorney General's Office, Boston, advised SA of the Boston Office who was over there on another matter, that they were pretty much satisfied that they had identified the individual who was responsible for the Boston stranglings. stated the Attorney General's Office had been talking with this man and that he had picked out of a large number of photos the ten women whom he had strangled. This individual also advised there was an 11th person whom he had murdered, the picture of whom was not in the group.

According to the information given to SA this was true and he further advised that the brother of one of the victims refused to give anyone a picture of his sister. However, they prevailed upon the brother to let them use the photo of the sister and then inserted it in the group of photos and this individual selected the photo of the 11th victim without any delay. He stated the Attorney General's office is pretty much satisfied that they have the right man.

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Subsequent to this, I called [REDACTED] whom I knew had some information regarding this individual and he advised as follows: [REDACTED] who are working the matter are, at this stage, pretty much convinced that the individual who committed these stranglings is one ALBERT HENDRY DeSALVO. [REDACTED] had not talked to this man but that they had checked considerable of the information they had obtained relative to him and many of the things tied in. He further stated that [REDACTED] had heard reels of the interview and these reels contain many things that would be known only to the strangler himself and would not be available to the public.

At the present time DeSALVO is committed to the Bridgewater State Hospital which houses the insane and alcoholics. According to [REDACTED] he was committed by order of the court inasmuch as he has been indicted in Middlesex County for rape and assault with intent to commit rape. He was sent to Bridgewater by the court for observation. DeSALVO was described as follows:

Born	9/3/31 at Chelsea, Mass.
Race:	White, Italian descent
Complexion:	Medium
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	160
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Chestnut
Eyes:	Hazel
Nose:	Slim

The above is for the information of the Bureau.

Bailey: 'Strangler' Is a Wild Vegetable

By THEO WILSON

Staff Correspondent of THE NEWS

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 12—His eyes closed, his head down, his right hand shielding part of his face, Albert H. DeSalvo heard himself described today as the "completely uncontrolled vegetable" who in 18 months "committed 13 acts of homicide" and as a man whose abnormal sexual drive is "extremely extreme."

Not once did the 35-year-old ex-Army sergeant who says he is the Boston Strangler, lift his head as the seamy details of his childhood and his self-confessed rape-murder were repeated to his male jurors.

He wept quietly and briefly once, as a defense psychiatrist told the court, mainly in DeSalvo's own words, how he once did not strangle an intended victim because "he saw her face in the mirror . . . He immediately stopped, tears came to his eyes."

Tears Won't Stop

And he continued to cry as the psychiatrist, Dr. James A. Brussel, New York state assistant commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, continued the horrifying story.

Not once were the words "Boston strangler" uttered in the huge, jammed courtroom, where DeSalvo is on trial for armed robbery, breaking and entering, indecent assault and battery, and unnatural acts.

But his defense attorney, F. Lee Bailey in an opening statement, had told the jurors that the defendant had a "diseased mind," was the victim of "one of the most crushing sexual drives," was "on the loose without control" while committing 13 homicides in 18 months as "a completely uncontrolled vegetable."

And the defense psychiatrist, Dr. Brussel, was allowed by Judge Connelius J. Moynihan, over the

objections of Assistant District Attorney Donald L. Conn, to repeat the details of the Boston Strangler, rape-murders which DeSalvo related to him.

Sees No ope of Cure

Brussel, who has worked with the New York police, the FBI and other criminal investigation agencies for 34 years, defined DeSalvo as a paranoid schizophrenic, diseased since he was 6 or seven years old. He said there was very little hope DeSalvo can be cured.

He told Conn that DeSalvo knows "right from wrong," that he knew his activities were "legally wrong, morally wrong." But he told Bailey:

"He knew then, and he knows now, what is required by society as right from wrong. But in his mental condition it means nothing, because he has created, in his own schizophrenic mind, a world of his own, where he simply rules supreme, where what he does has to be right, because he is the sole judge." In that world, Brussel said said, DeSalvo was "god."

Before Brussel told the jurors the details of the rapes and stranglings, as described to him by DeSalvo, Judge Moynihan warned the jurors that "this testimony is being admitted not as substantive evidence, but solely as part of the history given by the defendant to the doctor."

As the doctor spoke, there were

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The Washington Post

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The Washington Daily News

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Daily News (New York)

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World Journal Tribune

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The Wall Street Journal

The National Observer

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gasps from some of the spectators, and DeSalvo, who had kept his face buried in his hand, began to cry and tremble.

Brussel had already told the jurors that after DeSalvo's release from a sentence imposed on him as "the measuring man"—DeSalvo would pose as a model's agent, measure women clothed or in the nude, but not indulge in sex with them—his wife had refused to let him make love to her.

Brussel testified immediately after Bailey made his 15-minute opening statement, in which he described DeSalvo as suffering from "a completely uncontrolled" sexual impulse, during which he walked around "for 18 months, committing 13 acts of homicide."

Bailey told the jurors they had only one issue to resolve: "Whether or not insanity has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt."

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TO DIRECTOR CRIME CONDITIONS -

FROM BOSTON MASS,
62-4246

~~STRANGULATION MURDERS.~~ ~~BOSTON STRANGLER.~~ ~~ALFRED H. DESALVO~~
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE BUTEL CALL TO ASAC BOSTON SEVEN TWENTYNINE SIXTYNINE.

BETWEEN SIX - SIXTYTWO AND ONE - SIXTYFOUR THERE WERE
A SERIES OF STRANGULATION MURDERS OF WOMEN IN GREATER BOSTON AREA
WITH SAME MODUS OPERANDI INVOLVED. MOST VICTIMS WERE ELDERLY,
LIVED ALONE AND WERE STRANGLED WITH A SILK STOCKING. ALBERT
HENRY DE SALVO FBI NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOSTON ATTORNEY F. LEE BAILEY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THEN AGREED TO REPRESENT DE SALVO. BAILEY AFTER INTERVIEWS OF
DE SALVO, WAS CONVINCED HE WAS IN FACT THE STRANGLER, AND ENTERED
INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN S. BOTTOMLY
UNDER THEN ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD M. BROOKE THAT BOTTOMLY
COULD INTERVIEW DE SALVO TO DETERMINE IF HE WAS THE STRANGLER BUT
SUCH CONFESSIONS COULD NEVER BE USED AGAINST HIM IN ANY JURISDICTION
PROSECUTION. BOTTOMLY CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE TAPE INTERVIEWS WITH
DE SALVO AND REVIEW OF THESE TAPES BY COMPETENT INVESTIGATORS
CONVINCED THEM THAT DE SALVO POSITIVELY HAD COMMITTED THESE MURDERS

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Mr. Tol
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
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[REDACTED] HAS STATED THAT NO ONE BUT THE MURDERER COULD HAVE FURNISHED THE MINUTE DETAILS, SOME OF WHICH EVEN WERE NOT KNOWN TO LAW ENFORCEMENT UNTIL HIS STORY WAS CHECKED OUT. DE SALVO CAN NEVER BE PROSECUTED FOR THESE MURDERS BUT IS NOW SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE AFTER CONVICTION IN STATE COURT IN MASSACHUSETTS FOR A SERIES OF RAPES. FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF STRANGLING VICTIMS FOR WHICH DE SALVO RESPONSIBLE:

① JUNE FOURTEEN SIXTYTWO - MRS. ANNA E. SLESER, FIFTYFIVE, SEVENTYSEVEN GAINSBORO ST., BACK BAY, BOSTON

✓ JUNE THIRTY, SIXTYTWO - MRS. NINA G. NICHOLS, SIXTYEIGHT, ONE NINE FOUR ZERO COMMONWEALTH AVE, BRIGHTON.

2 JUNE THIRTY, SIXTYTWO FOUND JULY TWO - MISS HELEN E. BLAKE SIXTYFIVE, SEVEN THREE NEWHALL ST., LYNN.

✓ AUGUST NINETEEN, SIXTYTWO FOUND AUG. TWENTYONE - MRS. IDA IRGA, SEVENTYFIVE, SEVEN GROVE ST., BEACON HILL.

✓ AUGUST TWENTY, SIXTYTWO, FOUND AUG. THIRTY - MISS JANE SULLIVAN, SIXTYSEVEN, FOUR THREE FIVE COLUMBIA RD., DORCHESTER.

✓ DECEMBER FIVE, SIXTYTWO - MISS SOPHIE CLARK, TWENTYONE, THREE ONE FIVE HUNTINGTON AVE., BOSTON.

✓ DECEMBER THIRTYONE, SIXTYTWO - MISS PATRICIA BISSETTE, TWENTYFOUR, FIVE ONE FIVE PARK DR., BOSTON.

✓ MARCH NINE SIXTYTHREE - MARY BROWN, SIXTYNINE, THREE ONE NINE PARK ST., LAWRENCE.

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9 JUNE TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYTWO - MARY MULLEN EIGHTYFIVE, ONE FOUR THREE FIVE COMMONWEALTH AVE BRIGHTON.

10 MAY NINE, SIXTYTHREE - BEVERLY SAMANS, TWENTYSIX, FOUR UNIVERSITY RD., CAMBRIDGE.

1 SEPT. EIGHT, SIXTYTHREE - MRS. EVELYN CORBIN, FIFTY, TWO TWO FOUR LAFAYETTE ST., SALEM.

12 NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYTHREE - MISS JO ANN M. GRAFF, TWENTYTWO, FIVE FOUR ESSEX ST., SALEM.

13 JANUARY FOUR, SIXTYFOUR - MISS MARY E. SULLIVAN, NINETEEN, FOUR FOUR A CHARLES ST., BOSTON.

AS TO BUREAU INVOLVEMENT, ALL THESE MURDERS WERE COMMITTED LOCALLY AND THERE WAS NO BUREAU JURISDICTION AND SUCH WAS UNDERSTOOD BY [REDACTED] MASS. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. AS A RESULT THERE WAS NEVER ANY REQUEST MADE OF BOSTON OFFICE FOR ENTRY INTO THE CASE WE DID COOPERATE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO THE EXTENT OF PASSING ON THEM THE NAMES OF VARIOUS SUSPECTS WHICH BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY, WERE FURNISHED TO OUR OFFICE AND OTHER OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FROM MANY SOURCES. WE MAINTAINED CLOSE LIAISON WITH [REDACTED] BECAUSE OF VOLUME OF INFORMATION RECEIVED AND ONLY SERVICES RENDERED INVOLVED INDEXES CHECKS ON SUSPECTS AND EXPEDITING IDENTIFICATION DIVISION CHECKS. END

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UNITED STATES

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (63-4296)

DATE: March 28, 1961

FROM : SAC, Boston (94-539)

SUBJECT: CRIMDEL - CRS

Re: MODEL'S AGENT "TAPESTER"

The Cambridge, Massachusetts Police Department advised that ALBERT H. DE SALVO, 30, Florence Street, Malden, Massachusetts, was charged by the Cambridge Police with being the "tape measure" model's agent who allegedly committed a series of house breaks. DE SALVO pleaded innocent to two counts of burglary in East Cambridge District Court and was remanded to the jail in lieu of \$15,000. bail set by Judge HAVEN PARKER, who continued the case. March 1961

The Cambridge Police said that DE SALVO posed as a talent scout for a modeling agency. If a pretty girl answered his door bell ring, he would offer her a high salaried modeling job if she passed his measuring test, according to the charges. To un-attractive women answering the bell, he would plead he had the wrong address, police said. They added that if he received no response, he would break into the apartment.

Cambridge Police said that his downfall came when he tried to cajole two sisters into submitting to his measuring. Suspicious, they notified police who captured him at gunpoint.

DE SALVO told police that he was wounded while in the Army. He allegedly told them he did not know why he took women's measurements and they quoted him as saying he was in need of medical attention.

DE SALVO was arrested by the Cambridge Police on March 18, 1961.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Washington, D. C.

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 79-28189

Title:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

- VICTIM b7c

Character:

POSSIBLE KIDNAPING

Synopsis:

Suspects

DeSALVO, born 9/3/31;

processed. Suspects

ALBERT HENRY

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under investigation. In November, 1965, nude female body, string had been tied around neck, found in Cheverly, Maryland. Investigation being conducted to determine if this death has any connection with instant case. UNSUB IS A MURDERER AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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BOSTON STRANGLER

Investigation of captioned matter was instituted when it was noted that page A-4, of "The Washington Post," newspaper, October 2, 1965, issue reflects an item captioned, "Boston Strangler," which reads:

"BOSTON -- Assistant Massachusetts Attorney General JOHN S. BOTTOMLEY said 'The Phantom Strangler' is in custody and he will reveal his name in the next 60 to 90 days.

"The suspect, now in the Bridgewater State Mental Hospital, has confessed to killing 13 women and committing many sex crimes. He is described as a father from Malden, with two children. Legal action is being prepared against him."

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"BOSTON STRANGLER"
ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO

By communication dated October 8, 1965, the Bureau advised that the Boston Office has furnished the Bureau with information received from local authorities in Boston concerning the suspect being identified in the so-called "Boston Strangler" cases. The Bureau enclosed for WFO one copy of FBI Record Number [REDACTED] in the name of ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO, who is the individual currently being held at the Bridgewater State Mental Hospital.

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The above FBI record, Number [REDACTED] is as follows:

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"BOSTON STRANGLER"
ALBERT HENRY DE SALVO

By communication dated December 17, 1965, the Boston Office advised that on December 16, 1965, [REDACTED] b7C [REDACTED] House of Correction, Billerica, Massachusetts, revealed that ALBERT H. DE SALVO was confined there from May 5, 1961, to April 9, 1962, at which time he was released on parole.

Inasmuch as DE SALVO was confined during the murder of [REDACTED] no further investigation of him as a suspect is contemplated at this time. b7C